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LOWELL MASS. TUESDAY DECEMBER 21 1909

PRICE ONE CENT

LARCENY CHARGE

Preferred Against Man Who
Swindled a Woman

Adelard Brissetto was arraigned before Judge Hadley in police court this morning on a complaint charging him with the larceny of \$157.35 and three rings, each of the value of \$5, the property of Malvina Hebert. Brissetto entered a plea of guilty, and that he was ready for immediate trial, but at the request of the government the case was continued until tomorrow morning, the defendant being held under \$500 for his appearance.

Mrs. Hebert is a widow and it is alleged that a year ago last October he got into the good graces of the woman and managed to secure possession of the money and rings. He disappeared and was not seen until yesterday when he was placed under arrest.

Had a Bank Book

James Hogan, an Andover farmer, who makes periodical visits to this city, came to Lowell yesterday and indulged more freely than wisely in

the liquid which intoxicates. As a result he was arrested and booked at the police station for drunkenness. When searched at the police station it was found that Hogan had a bank book in his possession that showed that he had considerable money in the bank. He pleaded guilty to drunkenness in court this morning and after Judge Hadley gave him some advice relative to drinking and the carrying of a bank book with him while he was in an intoxicated condition, the nominal fine was imposed.

Other Offenders

William J. Callahan, who works in Lynn, but has a wife and family in this city, pleaded guilty to being drunk. He had been before the court on several occasions within a year and his Christmas and a few months' absence, in jail, but the next appearance of the man and his promise to do better in the future resulted in his being placed in the custody of the probation officer at Lynn.

John J. Donlon, drunkenness, was fined \$5.

FUNERALS

RITCHOTT—The funeral of Mary Ritchott was held Sunday afternoon from the home of her parents, 756 Central street, and burial was in the Catholic cemetery in charge of Undertaker J. J. O'Connell.

McCLUSKEY—The funeral of Grace McCluskey took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her parents, 43 Sutherland street. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery, under direction of C. H. Molloy & Sons.

GENTLE—The funeral of Gilman W. Gentle took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, 6 rear of 626 Gorham street, Rev. J. E. Gregg officiating. Burial was in the Eden cemetery under direction of C. M. Young.

MACHADO—The funeral of Ezequiel Machado took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her parents, 36 Chapel street, and was largely attended. There were many floral tributes, and burial was in the Catholic cemetery under direction of Thomas J. McDermott.

WATSON—The funeral of Miss Anna E. Watson took place yesterday afternoon from her home, 24 Marlborough street. Rev. S. W. Cummings officiating. There was singing by Mrs. Warren T. Reid and Mrs. Wm. H. Pepin. The bearers were Messrs. George H. Watson, W. D. Hinton, Alfred D. Holt and Chas. H. Gould. Burial was in the family lot in Pelham, under direction of Geo. W. Healey.

HAMILLETT—The funeral of George W. Hamblett took place yesterday afternoon from his home 12 Leroy street, Rev. S. W. Cummings officiating, assisted by Rev. Asa R. Dilts. There was singing by Mr. and Mrs. Noble M. Charlton. The bearers were Messrs. John W. Hamblett, Almon Herbert, Mark Avery and Lewis Robinson. Burial was in the family lot in Pelham, under direction of Geo. W. Healey.

BERRY—The funeral of Miss Ethel I. Berry took place yesterday afternoon from her home, 25 Webster street, Rev. A. R. Dilts officiating. There was singing by Mrs. F. L. Roberts, and the bearers were Messrs. Jas. McKissack, John J. Briggs, Morris Morrill and Forrest Berry. Burial was in the Eden

cemetery under direction of C. M. Young.

MARRIAGE INTENTIONS
The following marriage intentions have been registered at the city clerk's office since the last were published:
Maxim Lemirande, 22, operative, 174 Hall street, and Alice Ethier, 17, operative, 67 Hall street.

Arthur G. Roberts, 29, barber, 66 Worthen street and Antoinette Gagnon, 25, shoemaker, 34 Suffolk street.
Hyman Silder, 22, shoemaker, 137 Howard street, and Sarah Yelovitch, 20, dressmaker, same address.

DR. COOK

Did Not Discover the Pole,
Says Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—The University of Copenhagen, the first institution of learning to recognize Dr. Frederick A. Cook as the discoverer of the North pole, today solemnly declared that the explorer had failed to establish the claim upon which his high honors had been based.

The committee appointed by the university to examine Cook's records recently presented its report to the consistory of the university, which reviewed the deductions of the expert with the greatest care and discussed the findings from every standpoint. That both the committee and the consistory were disappointed was soon known.

This morning the consistory met and adopted a written report to the effect that the alleged records submitted for examination by Dr. Cook failed to prove his claim that he had reached the North pole. The report of the committee of which Prof. Stromgren is chairman, as presented to the consistory, stated that Cook's papers are without any value; that his report to the university is practically the same as that published in the New York Herald upon his return from his Arctic expedition. The copies of his notes, books submitted, says the committee, contain no original calculations of observations but only results thereof. Accordingly, the committee concludes that he affords no proof of having reached the pole.

The committee chosen to represent the University of Copenhagen in the examination of Dr. Cook's claim was composed as follows:

Professor Ellis Stromgren, director of the astronomical observatory; Dr. C. F. Prehler, astronomer attached to the observatory; Gustav Helm, explorer; Professor A. B. Jensen, president of the school of navigation; Dr. Røyer, director of the meteorological office; and Dr. F. A. Engstrom, director of Land Observatory.

On Nov. 28, 1906, Dr. Frederick A. Cook, physician and explorer, arrived in New York city with the story of having ascended Mount McKinley, an unprecedented feat on his lips. On July 9 of the following year he touched at North Sydney, C. B., aboard the schooner John R. Bradley, and made known that he was bound on a scientific trip to the Arctic regions. Two months later word came from Etah, Greenland, that the conqueror of Mount McKinley was about to make a dash for the North pole. His backers, John R. Bradley, later stated that his expedition had been fitted out quietly and that in the following spring the dash for the pole would be begun.

Then followed a protracted period,

during which little was heard of the Cook outfit. His friends finally becoming alarmed for his safety early in the present year a relief expedition was fitted out to go north in the summer and search for the explorer. The rescue party left New York late in the summer. On Sept. 1 last the world was startled by a message from Dr. Cook to the effect that he had reached the North pole on April 21, 1908. This message was received at the colonial office in Copenhagen and had been sent from Lerwick, Shetland Islands. Dr. Cook was then on board the Danish government steamship Hans Egede, which had passed Lerwick at noon on Sept. 1, enroute for Denmark. The telegram announcing Cook's alleged achievement was sent by a Greenland official on board the steamship and read:

"We have on board the American traveler, Dr. Cook, who reached the North pole April 21, 1908. Dr. Cook arrived at Upernivik (the northernmost Danish settlement in Greenland) on an island off the west coast, in May of 1908 from Cape York (in the northwest part of Greenland on Baffin bay). The Eskimos of Capt. Cook confirm Dr. Cook's story of his journey."

The astonishment over the news of the great achievement was followed by praise that was fairly worldwide. With few exceptions, the press accepted Cook's claims at their face value. What doubt was expressed was chiefly in the British press, a portion of which, while not questioning the explorer's veracity, expressed a doubt of whether he had actually accomplished what he believed he had done.

Dr. Cook, returning to civilization made a triumphal entry into the harbor of Copenhagen on Sept. 4. Standing on the bridge of the Hans Egede from the mizenmast of which flew the flag of the United States, Dr. Cook smilingly, modestly and with dignity accepted the tributes shouted from the fleet of little vessels which gathered about the steamer and escorted her to the pier.

Crown Prince Christian of Denmark, Maurice Francis Egan, the United States minister, the Danish minister of commerce and committees representing various public bodies boarded the Hans Egede and welcomed Cook in the name of the nation and the city. He was escorted ashore by Prince Christian and followed by an immense throng that cheered his homecoming. He made his way to the meteorological institute where he made a brief speech, saying that he had left at the North pole an American flag and a box containing documents including a brief account of his trip and certain observations and data to bear out his claim.

In an interview he said: "I have been to the North pole and I have brought back the most exact observations, absolutely proving my statement. I have kept a diary throughout the entire expedition in which I recorded the most minute details. "It was not my intention at the start to proceed to the pole. I was merely on an Arctic excursion. But as I found conditions favorable I continued on my way to the pole."

Cook was lionized by all of Denmark. On the day following his arrival at Copenhagen Cook was the guest at dinner of King Frederick at the summer palace. The king had invited Cook after his government had made a cursory investigation of his story and accepted it as true. On Sept. 7 the explorer delivered a lecture before a distinguished audience, including the king and queen, the Prince and Princess of Greece and a number of the members of the royal family. At the conclusion of his remarks he was presented with a gold medal by the crown prince. On the day of his decoration a sensation was caused by a message from the Arctic and which read:

"Indian Harbor, via Cape Ray, N. F., Sept. 6.

"To the Associated Press, New York.
"Stars and stripes mailed to North pole."

(Signed) "Peary."
Peary was informed of Cook's claim and on the same day, Sept. 7, threw the world into partisan fury by this message of claim and allegation:

"Indian Harbor, Lab., via wireless, via Cape Ray, N. F., Sept. 7.
"To the Associated Press, New York.
"I have sailed the Stars and Stripes to the North pole. This is authentic and correct. Cook's story should not be taken too seriously. The two Eskimos who accompanied him say he went no distance north and not out of sight of land. Other members of the tribe corroborate the story."

(Signed) "Peary."
This was followed by another message from Peary saying:

"Cook has sold the public a goldbrick.
"From the moment these messages were published a storm of partisan discussion arose. Though Peary undoubtedly had shaken popular confidence in Cook, he at the same time and friends for his rival by what is called upon by some as a display of

BUTTRICK WILL CASE

Opposition to Allowance of the
Will WithdrawnAt Session of Probate Court,
Judge McIntire Presiding—
Several Separate Maintenance
Cases Heard by Judge Chamberlin of Plymouth Co.

Opposition to the allowance of the will of the late Catherine T. Buttrick was withdrawn by Larkin F. Trull, representing the contestants, before Judge McIntire in the probate court, this morning, and the will now goes to probate, and its provisions will be carried out by Charles M. Williams, the executor. James J. Kerwin appeared for the will.

Mrs. Buttrick died at her home Sept. 28 and left a will in which she bequeathed \$20,000 to St. John's hospital outright and \$8000 for a memorial bed, besides an additional sum at the expiration of certain life interests. She also bequeathed a substantial amount to St. Peter's orphan asylum and other charities. The will was executed in February, 1908.

When the testament was presented Messrs. Trull & Wier gave notice of a contest in behalf of other kindred of testatrix, her sister, Mary J. McEvoy of Waltham and her half brothers, Charles H. George A. and William A. McEvoy of this city. The court at the time appointed Mr. Williams and Mr. Trull as special administrators and the hearing was set for today. The estate involved is said to amount to about \$150,000.

The will contains 10 provisions and it would appear that the testatrix in making it mentioned every known relative.

Among the more prominent bequests are the following: Winifred C. Haggerty, \$20,000 and Miss Haggerty is also the residuary legatee. P. P. Haggerty, \$1000; Susan M. Martin, \$10,000. Ann Elizabeth Haggerty, house in Grove street and \$10,000. John M. Haggerty and Joseph Haggerty, grandnephews, in his and buildings in Athol, Boston and Hampstead, N. H., and \$5000 each; Day Nursery, \$5000. St. John's hospital, \$8000 for the establishment of the John H. Buttrick memorial bed and \$20,000 absolutely. Lowell Humane society, \$5000. Home for Destitute Catholic children, Boston, \$5000. St. Peter's orphanage, \$5000. Little Sisters of the Poor, Roxbury, \$5000.

Judge Lawton Absent

Both sessions of the probate court were crowded this morning as an unusual number of contested cases were on the list. Judge McIntire, who opened court in the routine session, announced that Judge Lawton would be unable to attend court as he is sitting on the celebrated Russell will case in Cambridge. He stated that Judge Chamberlin of the Plymouth county probate court would arrive later in the morning and would take up contested cases at once.

While he, too, would hear them at the conclusion of the routine session. The contested list was then taken up, and the first case assigned was that of Ann

de Cartaret vs. John de Cartaret, both of North Chelmsford, for separate maintenance.

The de Cartaret Case

Judge Chamberlin arrived at 10 o'clock and opened court in the contested session. Lawyer Hamel presented ten witnesses for the petitioner, and J. Joseph O'Connor represented the respondent.

Mrs. Ann de Cartaret testified that she married her husband in the Isle of Jersey seven years ago, but that they had lived most of the time in North Chelmsford. She left her husband last Fourth of July and since then has received a support from him. While living together she said he frequently went on long periods of intoxication and was cruel and abusive. Since she left him she said she met him walking arm in arm with another woman and both stopped and looked her in the face.

PROBATE COURT—MCINTIRE, J.

Uncontested session:

Will presented: Hannah M. Byam, Chelmsford; Georgiana B. O'Hair, Lowell; Grace E. Hill, Lowell; Florence Matilda Foster, Lowell.

Administrations granted: Mercy V. Tuttle, Lowell; Francis K. Chase, Lowell; John A. McKnight, Lowell; William Welch, Chelmsford; Maria M. Chase, Lowell.

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EVANS ESTATE SALOONS CLOSED

Is Valued at \$7,000,000 by Assessors
Brewers Would Not Deliver Beer

BEVERLY, Dec. 21.—The assessors decided yesterday to levy an additional assessment of \$2,000,000 on the estate of Robert D. Evans of Dawson hall, Burgess point, Beverly cove. The addition makes a total assessment of \$7,000,000, which will cause to be paid into the city treasury by the Evans family this year more than \$100,000 in taxes.

Mr. Evans was taxed up to this year, for \$10,000 worth of personal property, but after his death, when it became known that he was worth many times that amount, the assessors made the personal figures \$5,000,000.

When the inventory was filed with the state commissioners which showed the estate was worth \$10,000,000 in personal property, the assessors raised the levy \$2,000,000, which will give the city nearly \$23,000 it did not figure on having this year.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—Continuing on the avowed policy of helping the anti-saloon league enforce the liquor laws the brewers of the state are closing many saloons by refusing to sell beer to them. All the saloons on the line between Veedersburg and the dry counties surrounding it have been closed by this action of the Evansville brewers who say they will not sell any saloon keepers whose patronage comes from counties in which the people have voted "dry."

TOBACCO CASE

To be Taken Up by the Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—After announcing a number of decisions and hearing the usual Monday quota of motions, the U. S. supreme court took a recess for two weeks yesterday.

It is expected that when the court reconvenes on the 3d of January one of the seats now vacant will be occupied by Judge Lurion, who was continued yesterday by the senate as the successor of Justice Peckham.

Even then the bench will not be full, for Justice Moody will be absent on account of illness. Mr. Moody is not expected until later in the season.

Justice Moody has been suffering from an aggravated attack of rheumatism.

Immediately after reconvening the court will take up the tobacco trust case, and it is expected that the Standard oil case will be reached early in the spring.

TWICE ARRESTED

DERRY MAN BAILED HIMSELF OUT AND WAS TAKEN IN AGAIN

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Thomas Lyons of Derry, N. H., had the distinction of being arrested twice for drunkenness within a short period yesterday by the police of division 4. He came to Boston yesterday and went over to South Boston to visit a cousin. He had 214 with him and had a good time.

He was under the influence of liquor. It is alleged, when taken in charge by an officer and locked up in station 4. At 7:30 last evening he bailed himself out and was given \$3 by Lieut. Goodwin, the officer keeping the balance of his money.

In little more than half an hour Lieut. Goodwin was surprised when Lyons was brought in once more ap-

partly under the influence of liquor. He said he had tried to brace up, but admitted that he must have taken too much of a brace. When searched \$2.50 out of the \$3 given him was found on him.

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THE SNEAD CASE

The Prosecutor Expects Three Indictments

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"I believe I have evidence enough to obtain three indictments," was Prosecutor Mott's declaration today when marshaling his witnesses for the presentation of the facts concerning Mrs. Oocy Snead's death to the grand jury in Essex county, N. J.

Mr. Mott said that he had evidence not only to connect Miss Virginia Wardlaw, maiden aunt of the victim, with the crime, but to establish the presence of Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, the young woman's mother, on the scene of the tragedy shortly before its discovery.

POSTMASTERS

May Have Large Fees Returned to Them

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Concerted action by a number of senators in introducing resolutions calling for information relative to amounts derived from the rental of postoffice boxes and registration fees between the years 1891 and 1895 has aroused considerable interest.

Inquiry developed the fact that during these years postmasters in nearly every state turned these fees into the treasury, but that there had been a ruling since that time that these fees should be kept by the postmasters in lieu of salary.

A claim by one postmaster in the state of Washington for \$600 started the flood of resolutions, and it is the intention of the claimants to try to have congress enact an omnibus measure to refund to all postmasters the amounts paid to the government during that period.

LIQUOR STOLEN

It Was Taken Away by Tramps

GARDINER, Me., Dec. 21.—It was discovered yesterday that a party of 10 tramps, who were in the lockup over Sunday night, had stolen part of the liquor seized by officers. Five of the tramps had taken their departure at 6 in the morning and the others had remained in the cellroom.

In one cell was a barrel containing 175 pints of whiskey and some bottles were piled up in the rear of the cell.

The tramps used a long handled shovel to get the bottles. A keg of whiskey was also stored in the cell and they reached that by rolling it to the door and boring a hole through the bung.

The five helped themselves to what they wanted and evidently treated those in the cells who were not able to get out. About 45 of the half pints are missing.

CAR STRANDED

Men Were Trying to Reach Jail

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—One hundred and fifty employees of the East St. Louis & Suburban Railway Co. early today seized a trolley car and started for the county jail at Belleville, 15 miles away, where Willie Clark, alleged slayer of a street car motorman, is held under guard. The men ran the car three miles toward Belleville. Then the power on the Belleville line was shut off by General Manager Hewett and the car left stranded.

SCHOONER GROUND

VINEYARD HAVEN, Dec. 21.—The six masted schooner Mertie B. Crowley is not ashore on Tuckernuck shoal as it was at first reported, but is aground on a pump half way between Half Moon shoal and the buoy marking the end of Tuckernuck. The big vessel is not damaged and makes no water. The revenue cutter Acushnet pulled on her last night unsuccessfully and continued to stand by the schooner today to assist the tugs Underwriter and Mercury, which went out today to float the Crowley. Captain Maskell of the Crowley says that about 5 p. m. Sunday, while proceeding eastward with a northwest wind his vessel was kept off slightly to clear a four masted schooner which was working westward and ran on the sand.

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Less than box quantities will be sold only at the regular price of 25c each

Belt Prices Cut in Two

FOR WEDNESDAY

'Twould almost be impossible for us to relate the many complimentary remarks about our pretty belts so reasonably priced. Be that as it may, they have not sold lively enough to suit us, but now they've got to go, and go they will quickly for Christmas presents. Nothing out, simply too many, and we are going to take our medicine cheerfully.

Choice of our entire line of Dollar Belts 59c
Each and everyone in pretty fancy box.

Thursday Morning, Dec. 23

Christmas Neckwear

At January Prices

If any buyer knew in advance the exact quantities and styles they could dispose of profitably at each of the various seasons they would soon earn the reputation of a "Wizard." We are probably as near the "Wizard" class as any, but we blunder just the same, and blunders are costly when it comes to neckwear. The following are very much underpriced, but just because we've too many.

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LOSS IS HEAVY

Fire Broke Out in Cloak Store

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 21.—Fire originating last night in the basement of the Slegle Co.'s cloak store in this city resulted in probable losses aggregating \$100,000 and \$150,000 in the heart of the downtown shopping district.

MISS MARSHALL

Tried to Commit Suicide at Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 21.—It was positively learned here today that the young woman now hovering between life and death at St. Vincent's hospital as the result of an attempt to end her life by drinking laudanum and shooting herself through the head three times while a guest at the Queen Anne cottage at Virginia beach last Wednesday is Miss Marguerite Marshall, up to two weeks ago a member of the staff of a New York newspaper.

Miss Marshall who is a graduate of Tufts college, Medford, Mass., came here last week to join a theatrical company as press representative. She registered at the beach as Miss Ruth Morion of Chicago and carefully destroyed all evidence of her identity before she attempted to end her life.

The motive for her desire to end her life is not known. At St. Vincent's hospital it was said that the young woman has a slight chance for recovery.

DR. FISHER DIED SUDDENLY

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 21.—Rev. Geo. Park Fisher, D. D., LL. D., professor of ecclesiastical history at Yale, died suddenly last night at the sanatorium of Dr. J. L. Thell in Litchfield, from hemorrhage of the brain.

Prof. Fisher was born in Wrentham, Mass., Aug. 10, 1827. He was graduated from Brown university in 1851, and Andover Theological seminary in 1853. From 1854 to 1861 he was Livingston professor of divinity in Yale college. He resigned this to be made professor of ecclesiastical history. In

later life he was elected, and remained, dean of the Yale divinity school until his health gave out and he was obliged to go to Litchfield. He leaves a son and daughter.

BIG PRICES

WAREHAM, Dec. 21.—Half a hundred freight cars will be required this

week to remove the "fixin's" for the dean of the Yale divinity school until Christmas dinner from the Cape Cod cranberry belt to other parts of the country. The annual holiday rush is now in full swing and the growers are hurrying to have their product arrive at the markets in season. The Christmas demand for the berries has had its usual buoyant effect on the prices and as high as \$6.50 and \$7 a barrel is offered in New York.

Chicago

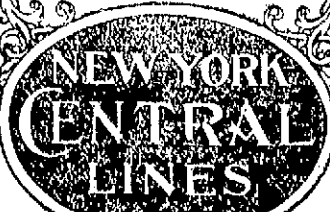
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MERRIMACK SQUARE.

BOXED A DRAW

Bill McKinnon Met Frank Mantell at Providence

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 21.—Bill McKinnon of Roxbury, Mass., and Frank Mantell of Pawtucket boxed 12 hard rounds to a draw last night at the Woonsocket opera house before 1500 persons, to whom the decision seemed fair.

Both Mantell and McKinnon were in excellent shape and the battle was a fierce one from the start. Mantell had the advantage up to the ninth round, with the exception of the third, when McKinnon slipped in many effective body blows. After the ninth the Roxbury boxer took the lead and had the Pawtucket man guessing.

Mantell opened up McKinnon's eye, but Bill fought more gamely afterward. Mantell's best blows were solid body smashes in clinches, while McKinnon swung harder than Mantell each time he struck. The bout was the best ever seen here and showed the boys to be an almost perfect match in every department.

In the semifinal Kid Desrosiers knocked out Kid Dupre in the second round. Young Easter of Pawtucket was given a decision over Young Miller in four rounds. Kid Carpenter and Tommy Tudell boxed a four-round draw.

MURPHY OUT IN SECOND

SALFORD, Dec. 21.—At the Young Men's A. A. last night Eddie Shovlin of Boston and Joe Murphy of Cambridge were down for the main event of eight rounds, and they made it a brotherly act from the start, neither hurting the other with his light jabs and swings. The crowd yelled and hissed and Murphy went down in the second round and was counted out by the referee.

The semi-final bout of six rounds was the best of the night. Young Kelly of Lynn and Eddie Donahue of the U. S. O. Ohio getting a draw after a lively bout. In the preliminary bout of six rounds Young Wilkins of Peabody disposed of Young Tenack, also from Peabody, in the fifth round.

RICKARD SAYS UTAH

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—According to G. L. Rickard, better known as "Tex" Rickard, the Jeffries-Johnson fight promoter, who arrived here yesterday on his way to his home, the governor of Utah will not oppose the meeting of the contenders for the heavyweight pugilistic championship in Salt Lake City July 4.

THREE NEW ENVOYS NAMED BY PRESIDENT AND ONE WHO PROBABLY WILL HOLD OVER



WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—When President Taft sent to the senate his list of nominations for diplomatic service there was considerable surprise that he named in one to succeed Whitehead as ambassador to Great Britain, succeeding Charles S. Francis of Troy, N. Y., who retires; Henry L. Wilson of Washington, now minister to Belgium, to be ambassador to Mexico, succeeding David E. Thompson of Nebraska, who retires; William J. Kereens of Chicago to be minister to China, the post being now vacant; Charles Page Bryant of Chicago, now minister to Portugal, to be minister to Belgium, succeeding Mr. Wilson; John B. Jackson of Newark, N. J., now minister to Persia, to be minister to Cuba, succeeding Edwin V. Morgan of New York, who retires. The choice of Mr. Kereens to be ambassador at Vienna ends a long fight in which various influences have changed position a number of times. Senator Warner, the republican member from Missouri in the senate, has been supporting the nomination, which reveals the fact that Kereens was a vigorous candidate for the senatorship when Warner was elected.

Henry landed repeatedly on Seiger's jaw, but there was not sufficient steam in the blows. Both boys blocked effectively throughout the contest.

BOUNTS AT BEDFORD A. C.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Bedford A. C. of Brooklyn reopened last night with an all-star show. Young and Coster knocked out Young Grant in one round of what was scheduled for a six round bout. Young Monday and Young Bolt went four fast rounds to a draw, and Young O'Connor stopped Tommy Shea in two rounds.

O'BRIEN AND KAUFFMANN

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Harry Edwards, treasurer of the National A. C., succeeded yesterday in bringing Jack O'Brien of this city and Al Kauffmann, the California heavyweight, together and getting them to sign for a match at the National A. C. on Jan. 13.

FINISH EVEN

READING, Pa., Dec. 21.—Young Nitchie of Philadelphia and Lee House of Lancaster went 10 rounds before the Reading A. C. last night. House had all the better of the hitting and did much of the leading with a left jab which worried his opponent. Nitchie was too rugged, however, for the Lancaster man to damage him much, and he landed some hard swings to the face and body. It was a good draw.

KAUFFMANN OUTPOINTS MALONE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Benny Kauffmann stopped the winning streak of Mike Malone by outpointing the Kensington boy in a six round bout at the West End A. C. last night. Kauffmann had the better of every round but one.

CHILDREN

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SECRETARY KNOX GETS MORTGAGE

Was Attacked by Andrew Carnegie In Order to Aid Girls' Strike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—When Andrew Carnegie, "the angel of peace," rose at a recent dinner at Washington, facing Secretary Knox, and criticized the conduct of the state department in Central America, he forgot all about the chip that the "big little man" carries all the time on his shoulder. Secretary Knox was not on the program for remarks, but he made them, interrupting Mr. Carnegie in heated fashion.

At the side of Mr. Carnegie sat Senator Root, ex-secretary of state and the author of the Root peace compact in Central America. Mr. Carnegie eulogized the work for peace of Mr. Root and then began to compare it with the "shotgun diplomacy" of Mr. Knox. In a moment the belligerent present secretary of state was on his feet, leaning across the table and telling Mr. Carnegie that he thought his criticism an unwarranted butting into the affairs of state, of which he knew nothing.

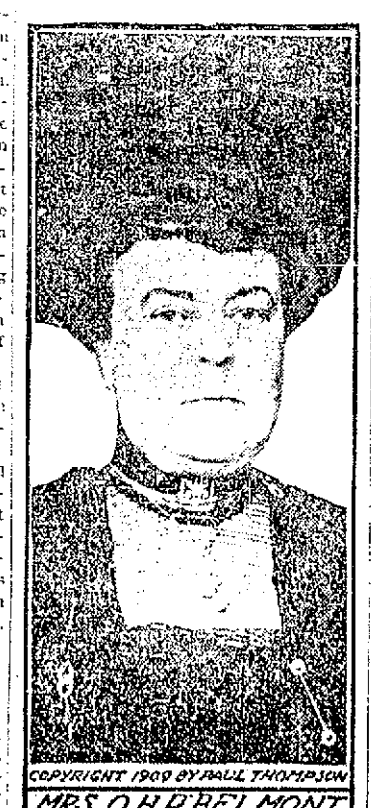
Mr. Carnegie steered away from the shoals, but later in his speech ran on them again, and again Mr. Knox interrupted and called him down.

The affair was discussed around Washington dinner tables until it became public. The colloquy occurred at the dinner given by John Barrett, director of the bureau of American republics, to diplomatic representatives from the South and Central American countries. Secretary Knox and Mr. Carnegie were guests of honor.

BILLERICA

The annual Christmas whist tournament, which has been in progress at the Billerica Republican club for the past two weeks, came to a close last night. Twenty-four members of the club took part in the contest, the following being the winners of the trophies: D. J. MacDonald 188, J. T. Whitehead 183, J. Garner 183, A. C. Smith 180, L. Dorison 176, L. D. Butters 174, C. W. Mortenson 174.

Others who took part were: E. W. Buckley 181, Fred Brown 181, E. Butler 161, William Chambers 165, George Chambers 135, A. Dawson 149, H. E. Ellis 130, William Higgs 153, Joseph Higgs 163, William McBride 144, C. F. Manning 166, George Nickerson 166, D. C. Norcross 163, H. P. Perry 166, H. Perry 170, E. F. Twombly 155, John J. Whitehead 157.



MRS. O. H. BELMONT

with her wealth. Her earnestness in the cause of these girls was shown when she went to the night court and signed bail for three young women who had been arrested for acting as strike pickets. Mrs. Belmont gave her \$400.00 residence as security for the bond. She said the house had a \$10,000 mortgage on it and that she borrowed the money to help the strikers.

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LOSS IS \$15,000 NURSE WAS SHOT

Wagon Co.'s Plant Destroyed by Fire In a Battle With a Madman

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 21.—The plant of the Woonsocket Wagon Manufacturing company, consisting of a three story wooden building and a two-story storage shed, was practically destroyed by a fire which broke out in the forge room late last night. The damage amounted to \$15,000 and is covered by insurance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—When a whole family turned and ran in panic last night from a madman, who raved in the delirium of typhoid fever and flourished a revolver, Mary R. Brown, a trained nurse, 27 years old, and slight of stature, battled alone with the madman for her life and almost lost it. But before she dropped, she wrenched the weapon from the lunatic and made his capture simple. She has a fighting chance for life.

SALVATION ARMY WORKING HARD FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNERS

It has already been stated in these columns that the Salvation Army hopes to give Christmas dinners in baskets to 150 families, and we have been asked to repeat that the Salvation Army will give a real good Christmas dinner, uncooked, and put up in a basket, at the army's headquarters, 32 Jackson street, on Christmas eve.

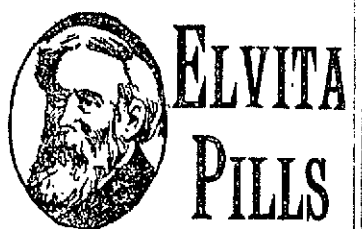
Red tickets have been given to the principal member in each one of the 150 families. These tickets cannot be counterfeited, and the holder of each ticket will receive his particular basket shortly after 7 o'clock next Friday night. The doors to the hall will be opened at 7 o'clock.

On the following Friday night, New Year's night, Jan. 1, there will be another big time at the quarters. Two Christmas trees will be decked with presents, toys, candles, etc. More desirable than anything else will be bundles of clothing for the little children. Stockings and mittens for them are earnestly desired. Treasurer Wm. L. Hall of the Shaw Stocking Co. wrote to Adjutant Hawkins yesterday that he would forward a number of pairs of stockings. Adjutant Hawkins and Mrs. Hawkins spent a large part of yesterday in visiting the managers of the big stores here, to see if they would give some of their altered and chipped toys and such like things.

EPIDEMIC OF MUMPS

DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 21.—Trinity college closed yesterday prematurely for the holidays, on account of an epidemic of mumps which broke out in its preparatory department last week. It was feared that the epidemic might spread through the city.

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Who Wants \$1000 Free?

I am going to give away \$1000. It is not very often that this happens, but this is no bluff. On account of poor health I must sell out my shoe store, and if there is any smart young man in Lowell who has the ambition to go into the shoe business, here is his chance. He can take account of stock of the boots, shoes and rubbers at the wholesale price and whatever it amounts to I will deduct therefrom \$1000.

Everybody knows that my store is one of the best in Lowell, and I have built up a large business, so that whoever buys the business will have my large number of customers. This is a fine opportunity for someone, and it should be seized at once. This offer will stand until December 27, 1909.

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SECRETARY BALLINGER

Tells the President He Insists on An Investigation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Taft yielded yesterday to the demands of both Secretary Ballinger and his critics for a public investigation of the whole subject-matter underlying the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

Mr. Ballinger served upon the president yesterday virtually an ultimatum that such an investigation was the price of his remaining in the cabinet. He made it clear to the president that he was no longer willing to sit silent in his office in the interior department and wait for the thing to "blow over."

Mr. Taft, it is said, reluctantly admitted his disappointment that the country at large would not accept as final his own vindication of Mr. Ballinger in his dismissal of the charges brought before him against the secretary of the interior by L. R. Glavis, the former special agent of the land office, and his conclusion that the investigation demanded by both sides in this matter was inevitable.

Mr. Ballinger's attitude in this matter has the support of leading republicans in both branches of congress—senators and representatives who felt that, entirely apart from the merits of the dispute itself—a festering sore of this character must poison the whole system of the party in power, and that it is high time to resort to the lance. These leaders, determined that a cleansing of this wound is necessary, have never hesitated to go to the White House and impress their views upon Mr. Taft.

Conferences of a confidential character, in which members of the cabinet, party leaders in both houses of congress, and the president himself, have participated, during the past few days, culminated yesterday when Mr. Ballinger, Attorney-General Weeks and Postmaster General Hitchcock went to the White House, where the matter was laid before the president.

Today is cabinet day. There can be little doubt that this will be one of the important subjects of that meeting.

Several things have served to bring the matter to a head. The speech of

Representative Hitchcock, a democrat of Nebraska, in the house a few days ago, demanding action upon his resolution providing for an investigation of the land office, was a factor. Mr. Ballinger, it is said, feared that this resolution might be laid upon the table by the republican majority and that such action would be construed by his enemies as an effort by the administration to "whitewash" him.

Four important aspects of the situation are taken into consideration by the party leaders.

First, the possible effect upon the future of the republican party and of the Taft administration; second, the possibility of the controversy between adherents and opponents of Secretary Ballinger becoming so bitter as to endanger party legislation; third, the existing practical standstill of the whole policy of conservation of natural resources, and, lastly, the desire to do justice to the cabinet officer whose personal and official integrity has been assailed.

Mr. Ballinger is impatient of delay and is said to have urged that a resolution providing for a congressional investigation be presented in the senate today. It is understood that he has been overruled on that point and that the exceedingly complex task of determining the form of the inquiry will be thrashed out between now and the reconvening of congress on January 4th.

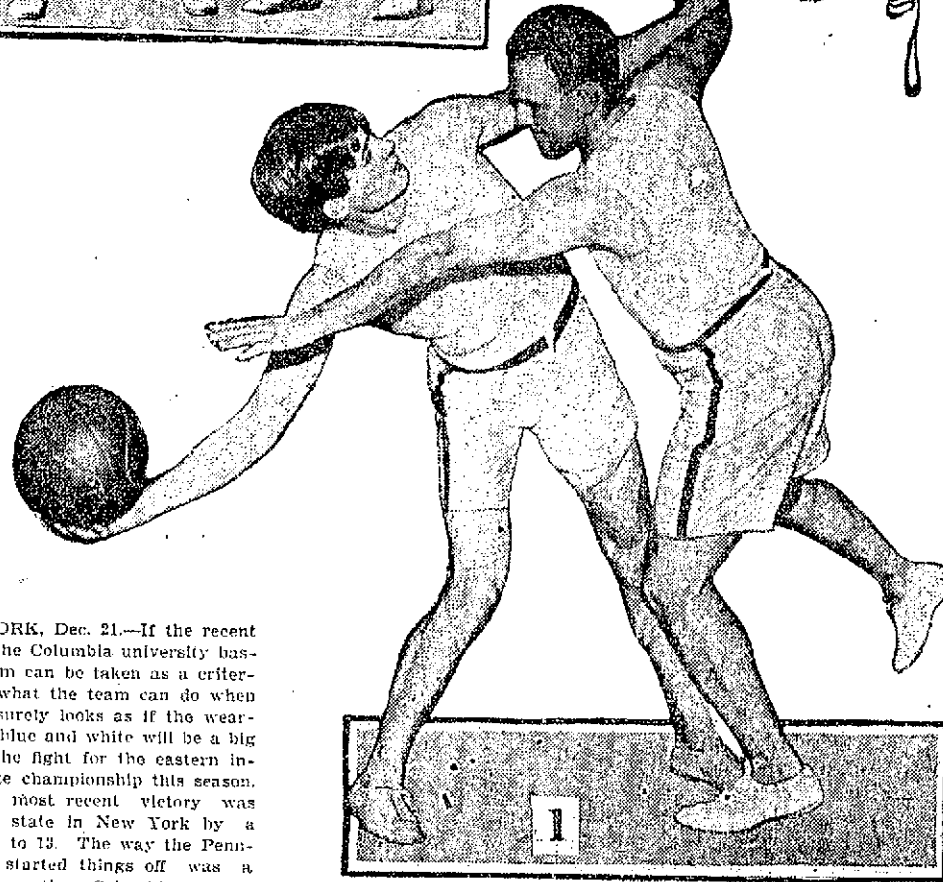
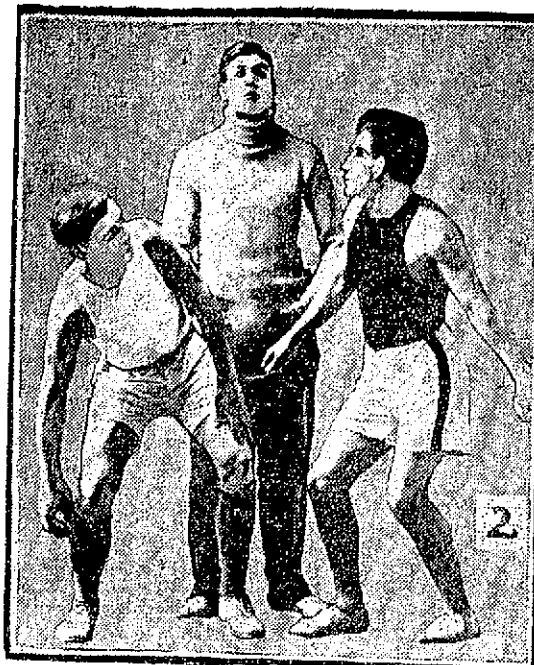
This whole subject has been one of heated discussion among members of both houses of congress and it is not unlikely that the investigation will at length be put in the hands of a joint special committee.

One thing appears certain—the investigation, whoever makes it, must be relentless and everybody seems agreed that it must be absolutely public; it is admitted that anything in the nature of "star chamber" proceedings would satisfy nobody.

RAISED \$72,000

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 21.—The close of the ten days' campaign for a new Y. M. C. A. building in this city last night found subscriptions of \$72,000 reported, \$2060 less than the amount sought. It is believed, however, that delayed subscriptions will make up the deficit.

CAPTAIN OF COLUMBIA'S STRONG BASKET-BALL TEAM AND SCENES IN GAME



NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—If the recent games of the Columbia university basketball team can be taken as a criterion as to what the team can do when forced, it surely looks as if the wearers of the blue and white will be a big factor in the fight for the eastern intercollegiate championship this season. Columbia's most recent victory was over Penn state in New York by a score of 19 to 13. The way the Pennsylvanians started things off was a surprise to the Columbians, and the visitors had an advantage before the game was under way two minutes. It took the Blue and White players the greater part of the first half to get their bearings, and when the game was half over they had overtaken the State five and led by three points. The team play of the Pennsylvanians was almost faultless and they passed the ball with great speed. For the first ten minutes it was all the Blue and White could do to hold down the score, for there was a rapid fire directed at the Columbia basket. Later the Blue

and White players stiffened up their offensive work, and during the entire second half most of the play was in State's end of the court. Captain Kienzl played a splendid game for Columbia and scored six goals from the field and one on a full throw after a foul. Columbia's lineup at present is: Kienzl, left forward; Mendelsohn, right forward; Mallon, center; Lee, left guard; Schnepf, right guard. Columbia's schedule for the season is as follows: Jan. 7, Princeton at New York;

Jan. 11, Alumni at New York; Jan. 15, Princeton at Princeton; Jan. 18, Wesleyan at New York; Feb. 8, Yale at New York; Feb. 12, Penn at New Haven; Feb. 15, Yale at New Haven; Feb. 25, Penn at Philadelphia. Illustration No. 1 shows Columbia forward attempting to block opponent's long throw during heated contest with Penn State. No. 2 shows referees ready to put ball into play. Players about to make leap to secure ball for their teams.

DR. JOSE MADRIZ

Has Been Chosen President of Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Dec. 21.—Dr. Jose Madriz, former judge of the Central American court of justice at Cartage and Zelaya's candidate, was elected president of Nicaragua yesterday by the unanimous vote of congress. The

session was a stormy one, but there seemed to be perfect unanimity with regard to the election of Madriz, and when the official announcement was made there were vociferous cheering and cries of "Viva Madriz," "Viva Leon," "Down with monopolies; Down with tyranny. Long live the constitution!"

Dr. Madriz assumed the presidency at 10 o'clock this morning. From the balcony of his hotel he made a brief speech, urging harmony and co-operation, and pledged himself to grant free elections and establish a policy of equal opportunity for all.

At the afternoon session congress accepted the resignation of Dr. Madriz as judge of the Central American court; accepted the resignation of Zelaya, and formulated an address of thanks to Zelaya for his services to Nicaragua.

Zelaya still exercises a strong power here, and, while it was brought to his notice that Madriz is not looked upon with favor by the government of the United States, he urged him to the front as his successor in office.

It is known to both Zelaya and Madriz that General Estrada, the leader of the revolutionists, who are ready to fight the government forces at Yama, is strongly opposed to the new president for it is well understood that Estrada himself aspires to all the presidential chair.

MURDER CHARGE

Against Sec'y of the Chinese Masons

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Tung King Chong, editor and publisher of the Chinese Free Press, and secretary of the Chinese Masons, was arrested here yesterday, charged with murder in connection with the feud between the Yee family and the On Yick Tong.

Tung has been in hiding nearly two months. Eight murders have been committed during the reign of terror brought on by the warring factions.

EXCITING SCENE

In Greek Chamber of Deputies

ATHENS, Dec. 21.—An exciting scene in the chamber of deputies yesterday seems likely to provoke another political crisis. The minister of war, Col. Laphathi, in submitting the new army reorganization bill, violently attacked the administration of ex-premier Theodoris, who also held the portfolio of minister of war. His tenure of office, Col. Laphathi asserted, and left the army in ruins.

The supporters of ex-premier Theodoris protested and left the chamber. M. Rallis, also an ex-premier, joined the protesters and left the house. The sitting was suspended in disorder.

MOB OUTBREAK

IS FEARED AT SUMMER BECAUSE OF SHOOTING

SUMNER, Miss., Dec. 21.—Deputy Sheriff Frank Chambers was shot and killed at Black Bayou yesterday by Aaron McCoy, one of two negro prisoners, who were handcuffed together. McCoy was shot to death by a citizen, Henry Wells, the other prisoner, was hurried to jail and last night secretly lynched. Negroes are terrified in Black Bayou and a mob outbreak is thought not improbable.

PRESENTED A WATCH

Joseph Garmon 40 Years in Employ of J. C. Ayer Co.

Joseph A. Garmon, foreman of the pectoral department of the J. C. Ayer company, will have completed 40 years of service with that company Thursday. Yesterday at 2.30 o'clock Mr. Garmon, in the presence of the employees of the establishment, was presented by the company a handsome gold watch, chain and gold knife as a token of the appreciation of his services.

The presentation speech was made by Dr. Charles H. Stowell, treasurer and manager of the J. C. Ayer company, and during the course of his speech he was loud in praise of the efficient and painstaking manner in which Mr. Garmon had worked in the interest of the company during his many years of employment.

He mentioned the fact that several months ago Mr. Garmon informed him that he was about to retire from active work as he felt he had earned a rest. When Dr. Stowell was apprised of the fact that Mr. Garmon would round out the 40th milestone in the employ of the company on the 23d of this month he remarked Mr. Garmon to stay until the present time.

During his many years of service Mr. Garmon displayed his efficiency and interest in the company in no small measure while he had charge of the Canadian and Mexican business of the J. C. Ayer company. Dr. Stowell spoke of the remarkable work the veteran employee had done during the many years he was handling the foreign trade and at the conclusion of his speech presented Mr. Garmon the watch, chain and knife on behalf of the company.

Mr. Garmon though taken entirely by surprise managed to respond in an appropriate speech after which the

employees were given an opportunity to inspect the presents and also to shake hands with the recipient.

The watch presented Mr. Garmon is a handsome 18 jeweled gold timepiece, the inscription on the inner case being as follows:

"To Joseph A. Garmon, Lowell, Mass., in grateful remembrance of 40 years of faithful service. J. C. Ayer Company, Christmas 1909."

The chain is a solid gold one and the knife which is attached to one end of the chain has a gold handle while the blades are of the finest steel. On the knife handle are inscribed his initials.

Mr. Garmon was born in Lexington, Mass., but has spent the greater part of his life in this city, where he has made hosts of friends.

He was for 18 years in charge of the J. C. Ayer company's business in Canada and for 13 years he performed a similar service in Mexico. While in charge of the work he spent about three months of the year in Canada and about the same length of time in Mexico and was instrumental in greatly increasing the company's business.

He spent five years and seven months in the service of the United States navy and considers it an honor that he fought under Admiral George Dewey (then Lieut. Dewey) and also that he is a personal friend of the admiral at the present time.

Mr. Garmon was with Dewey when the frigate Mississippi was lost under Port Hudson, Mr. Garmon leaving in the last boat with Lieut. Dewey.

About five years ago he met Admiral Dewey at the Hotel Wentworth at Newmarket, N. H., and spent several very pleasant hours with the noted naval fighter.

ESTATE WORTH \$1,624,330

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The estate of the late Consuelo, dowager Duchess of Manchester, is valued for probate at \$1,624,330. After making provision for her grandson the Viscount Mandeville and the younger children of the Duke of Manchester, the residue of the property was left in trust for the duke during his life and then for the successor to the title.

The dowager duchess bequeathed a ruby and diamond bracelet to Queen Alexandra "as a token of my respectful affection."

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals receives \$5090.

The testator before her marriage to the eighth Duke of Manchester was Miss Consuelo Yanaga of New York.

NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Taft sent to the senate yesterday the nominations of the following U. S. district attorneys:

- Joseph Morrison for the territory of Arizona.
 - Robert Devlin for the northern district of California.
 - Marian Erwin for the southern district of Georgia.
 - William Trautmann for the eastern district of Illinois.
 - William Norcott for the southern district of Illinois.
 - Robert Whitehouse for Maine.
 - Asa P. French for Massachusetts.
 - Arba Van Valkenberg for the western district of Missouri.
 - E. S. Cochrane for South Carolina.
- The president also sent in the nominations of the following United States marshals:
- Pope M. Long for the northern district of Alabama.
 - W. H. Johnson for the northern district of Georgia.
 - C. P. Hitch, eastern district of Illinois.
 - W. Henkel, southern district of New York.
 - Crichton Formker for New Mexico.

JOE THOMAS WON

In Bout With Klaus at Philadelphia

Joe Thomas fought Klaus, the western middleweight, six rounds at Philadelphia Saturday night and had the best of the battle all the way. Joe showed his old time form and his friends are confident that he can do something with Ketchel when next they meet. Klaus fights Porkey Flynn at the Army club in Boston this evening.

FUNERALS

GRIFFIN.—The funeral of the late John J. Griffin took place yesterday from his home in Chapel street and was largely attended. The remains were taken to St. Peter's church where high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. John J. Burns. The choir under the direction of James E. Donnelly rendered the Gregorian chant. At the offertory "O Meritum Passionis" was sung by Miss Mary E. Whitley. After the elevation, "Pie Jesu" was sung by Mr. Donnelly and the remains were being borne from the church "In Pace" was sung. Mrs. Josephine McKennedy presided at the organ. Present at the service was a delegation from the Bricklayers' Union consisting of Robert Warnock, James Conroy, Thomas Burns and Alex. Ray. The bearers were Dr. Joseph T. Brennan, Messrs. William F. O'Neil, William F. McCarthy, Frank J. Warren, Harry Costello and William Sheehan, the last three representing the Bricklayers' union. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery where Rev. Fr. Burns officiated at the grave. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Dr. Joseph T. Brennan and the interment in charge of Thomas J. McDermott. Among the beautiful floral tributes laid upon the grave were: Large pillow inscribed "Husband" from the bereaved wife; large pillow with ribbon inscribed "Papa" from the children of deceased; large crescent on base with star on top with the inscription "Godfather," from Miss Margaret Judd; large standing cross on base, sympathy of Mr. J. T. McCarthy; large standing wreath on base, sympathy of Mr. Jeremiah McGluechy and family; spray of pink and roses, sympathy of Mrs. F. J. Warren, large wreath of pink, roses and chrysanthemums with ribbon inscribed "My Chum," sympathy of Mr. William O'Neil; wreath of pink, chrysanthemums and galax leaves from the neighbors; large spray of pink and roses, sympathy of Miss Minnie Connelly; large standing wreath on base with star on top inscribed "R. M. L. U." from the Bricklayers' union.

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T. J. LYNCH, VETERAN UMPIRE, HEAD OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Nearly all year in 1892, but went back the next old timers remember when Thomas J. Lynch. In the spring of 1895 Lynch was Lynch, familiarly known as Tom, umpiring a game at the Polo grounds, Lynch, the new president of the National League, when two players got into a row, Lynch fined them \$100. He was one of the best in the business. Andy Freedman, then the prince, too, for he ran the game rigidly. Lynch was a disciplinarian. He called Lynch a robber and several started as an umpire in the Eastern cities. There and then Lynch league, then went to the New England club. The league upheld him in the fine, but he refused to take the fine and was called to the National League in 1896. He dropped out for a year in the theatrical business.

CONSTABLE'S SALE

Middlesex ss. Lowell, Dec. 18, A. D. 1909.
Taken on memo process and will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the contents of a first-class grocery and provision store. The stock consists of provisions, canned and bottled goods of all kinds, apples, peaches, lemons, coffee, sugar, molasses, pickles, flour, etc. Large ice refrigerator, platform scales, hanging scales, computing scales, meat bench, marble top blocks, rubber stone, awning shower, all the above property being in good condition. The sale of the above property will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1909, at 1022 Gorham street, Lowell, at 2 o'clock p. m. Terms, cash. Take Gorham street car; get off at Maple street.
BERNARD P. GATRELY,
Constable of Lowell.

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FOR THE CHILDREN
Toys, Games,
Mechanical
Novelties,
Steds, Flexible
Flyers, Skates
Open Every Evening Until
Christmas

BARTLETT & DOW
216 Central Street.

THE MAIL CARRIERS

And Postal Clerks Overworked With Christmas Rush

The Christmas rush has started at the Lowell postoffice, and from now until Saturday—and it might be said until the middle of next week—the clerks and carriers will be kept on the jump. Owing to the improvement in the handling of mail matter from year to year, the local office is in a better position to handle the mail with greater despatch this year than it ever has been before.

Many people who intend to send Christmas presents to relatives and friends in different parts of this country and foreign countries act wisely by mailing their presents a week or so before Christmas week, while others deposit their mail during the early part of Christmas week, but, like a great many people who allow their shopping to go till the last minute, others delay sending their presents until a day or so before the holiday and in many instances those presents are not delivered to whom they are addressed until after Christmas.

At the Lowell office there is every facility for handling all sorts of mail

up to midnight each night of the week. From eight o'clock in the evening until midnight a window is kept open for the handling of registered mail and money orders and the sale of stamps.

While this method has been in vogue for months, there are many people who do not seem to be aware of it. Hundreds of people who have not got the time to attend the mailing of presents during the day, inasmuch as they are at work, have ample opportunity to do so at night.

Officials at the office say that the usual Christmas rush has started unusually early this year. Yesterday was an extremely busy day for the mail clerks, and the prospects are that the rush will grow with the passing week. Usually the rush does not start until a day or two before Christmas.

Rural Delivery. The practice of patrons of the rural delivery system dropping loose coins into their boxes, when they have not got the stamps to place on mail matter, has increased so rapidly during the past year that Fourth Assistant Postmaster General P. V. DeGraw has appealed to the postmasters throughout the country to endeavor to remedy this evil.

There are three rural routes which start from the Lowell office, and Postmaster A. G. Thompson has given out the following letter, received from



THE OVERLOADED MAIL CARRIER

Washington, in the hope that if any of the rural patrons in this vicinity have been in the habit of depositing coins in the boxes that they will assist the department in the future by securing a sufficient number of stamps before-hand, or else provide themselves with suitable coin holding receptacles: Division of Rural Delivery.

Post Office Department,
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General,
Washington, Dec. 10th, 1909.
The Postmaster,
Sir:

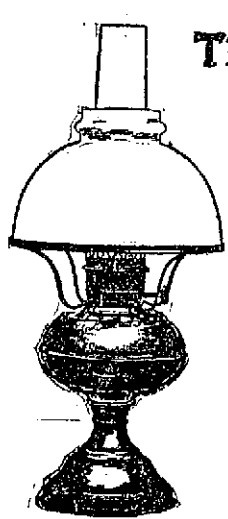
From a recent count made by rural carriers in one of the counties in the state of New York of coins deposited by patrons in their boxes for the purchase of stamp supplies, it was found that each carrier in the county was collecting an average of 115 one-cent coins each week. This average applied to all the routes in operation throughout the country would give the enormous total of about 300,000,000 one-cent coins.

As most of these coins are deposited loose in boxes, it is desirable that you and the rural carriers, in a tactful and polite way, put forth your best efforts to induce patrons to provide themselves with stamp supplies in advance of their needs, and to equip their boxes with suitable coin-holding receptacles. It should be explained to patrons that the picking of loose coins from boxes not only results in needless hardship and suffering to carriers in winter weather, delays the delivery and collection of the mails, but frequently results in actual money loss to the carriers, for, in collecting coins from boxes, they drop them into the snow or on the ground without recovery, they are required to replace the amount out of their funds.

If it can be done without expense to the department, announcement of the foregoing should be made in your local paper.

Respectfully,
P. V. DeGraw,
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

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The Rayo Lamp

A bright and steady light depends upon the construction of the lamp.

The best skill has put forth its best effort in perfecting the Rayo Lamp.

As the air is fed to the flame—so does the light burn. The easy-flowing current of air through the air-tube of the Rayo Lamp secures a uniform light, with never a flicker or flare.

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The Rayo is a low-priced lamp, but you cannot get a better lamp at any price.

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Every Dealer Everywhere. If Not at Yours, Write for Descriptive Circular to the Nearest Agency of the
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DO YOU WANT A SET OF

Kipling, 10 Vols., for.....\$7.75	Gibbon, 12 Vols., for.....\$8.75
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Bronte, 6 Vols., for.....\$3.75	Lugo, 8 Vols., for.....\$6.50
Robert Browning, 12 Vols., for.....\$8.50	Irving, 10 Vols., for.....\$7.25
Bulwer Lytton, 13 Vols., for.....\$8.25	Macaulay, 5 Vols., for.....\$2.75
Carlyle, 10 Vols., for.....\$7.25	Plutarch, 6 Vols., for.....\$3.75
Cooper, 12 Vols., for.....\$8.50	Poe, 11 Vols., for.....\$7.75
Dickens, 15 Vols., for.....\$10.75	Prescott, 12 Vols., for.....\$8.75
Eliot, 10 Vols., for.....\$7.75	Ruskin, 15 Vols., for.....\$10.75
	Scott, 12 Vols., for.....\$8.75
	Tolstoi, 12 Vols., for.....\$8.75
	Thackeray, 15 Vols., for.....\$10.75

The above prices are lower than ever before quoted on these subscription editions. We are determined to close out all our sets before Christmas. We have only a limited number left. Come early and don't miss these wonderful values.

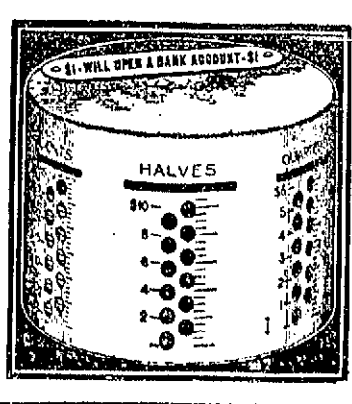
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The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank



Corner Merrimack and John Streets.

Give each of the children a

Home Savings Bank

FOR CHRISTMAS

INTEREST BEGINS JAN. 1st.

LIVELY RUNAWAY

Dashed Up and Down Centralville Hill

Omer Bernard, the Market street grocer, had the ride of his life yesterday, for his four-year-old mare broke her bridle while Mr. Bernard was driving her in a buggy in Bridge street and ran away heading toward Centralville.

Mr. Bernard being unable to check the animal's speed or to jump to safety, crouched in the bottom of the buggy as the runaway sped on.

Going along Bridge street at lightning speed the runaway turned into Eighth street and thence to Melhuon around to Tenth street and down Tenth street hill at top speed.

At the foot of Tenth street hill the animal slipped and fell, and grasping the opportunity Mr. Bernard jumped out. The mare regaining her feet started along Bridge street toward the city and was stopped at Sixth street by Freeman M. Bill, who threw his coat over the animal's head. Mr. Bernard's nerves were badly shocked and his hand wrenched. The mare received a cut on the nose and the buggy was badly damaged.

ASKS REMOVAL

Of Trustees of the Brigham Estate

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—A lack of harmony among the trustees under the will of Robert B. Brigham, whose residuary estate, now worth \$3,000,000, was left to found a hospital for incurables, has resulted in proceedings in the probate court for the removal of two of them. The case will be heard Jan. 5.

William E. L. Dillaway, one of the trustees, has petitioned for the removal of his co-trustees, Hiram M. Burton and Francis H. Manning, on the ground that their method of managing the estate endangers the property. The average gross income from the trust fund is \$140,000 a year.

Mr. Dillaway alleges that the trustees are not able to give their personal attention to the collection of rentals, and he wants some competent person employed to give his whole time to the collection and keep the books, but the other trustees refuse to hire one.

He also wants an office established for the work of the estate, but the co-trustees will not agree to hire a place. He charges that large sums of money are improperly deposited in a certain banking institution, but does not name the bank.

IT IS GIFT DAY

This is "gift day" at the Free chapel in Middlesex street. The office will be open from 2 to 5 in the afternoon and anything which may afford comfort to the poor will be accepted—money, clothing, vegetables, groceries, orders on provision dealers, grocers and the like.

BABY SCRATCHED FOR THREE YEARS

Until He Would Bleed—Eczema Covered His Whole Body and Head—Suffered Keenly from Itching and Burning—Hundreds of Dollars Spent on Fruitless Treatments.

CUTICURA CURED HIM—NEVER TROUBLED SINCE

"My little grandson when a year old had eczema all over his whole body and head. It lasted nearly three years. He had big sores on his head and the water would run from his eyes. He suffered from the itching and burning and would scratch until he would bleed. He was a perfect sight. We tried every kind of salve and soap but they did no good. After spending hundreds of dollars, and having several doctors, who did him no good, we saw the Cuticura Remedies advertised and we got some to see if they would help him. We used the Cuticura Soap to wash him with and then applied the Cuticura Ointment. They cured him nicely. He is now five and has never been bothered with it since. Mrs. David Ames, 9 Columbia Ave., Rockland, Me., Feb. 22 and Mar. 9, 1909."

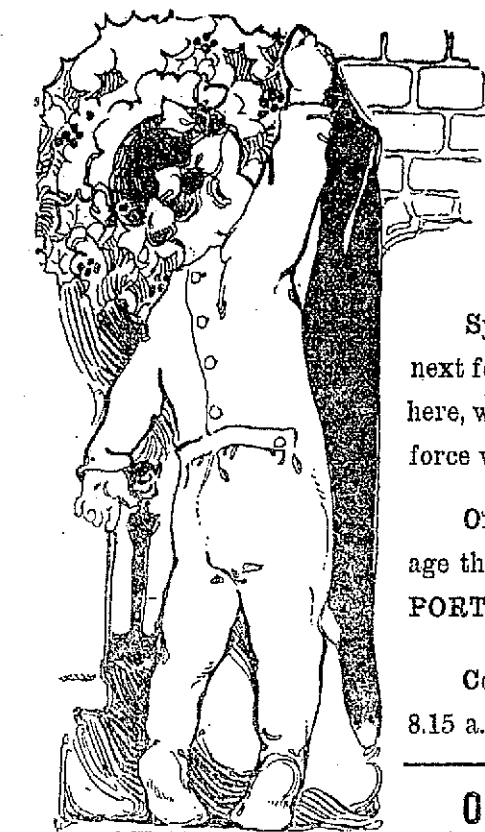
CUTICURA

Cleanses, Purifies and Beautifies Skin, Scalp, Hair and Hands

The constant use of Cuticura Soap, assisted when necessary by Cuticura Ointment, not only preserves, purifies and beautifies the skin, scalp, hair and hands, but prevents itching, irritation and clogging of the pores, the common cause of pimples, blackheads, redness and roughness, and other unsightly eruptions. All who delight in a clear skin, soft, white hands, a clean, wholesome scalp and live, glossy hair, will find that Cuticura Soap and Ointment more than realize every expectation.

A. G. Pollard Co.

LOWELL'S BIGGEST AND BEST CHRISTMAS STORE—THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE



Time's Growing Short

Systematic shopping will be in order these next few days. The place for hurried buying is here, where we've plenty of selection and a sales-force who can be relied on to act quickly.

Of course, we'll try to deliver every package that you ask us to, but if you take the IMPORTANT ones with you you'll be "surer."

Come early in the day—we're all ready by 8.15 a. m.

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Choose from a Remarkable Collection of

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Our assortment was never before so complete, so rich, or so cheap, quality considered. Specially selected and imported by us, so we can offer exclusive decorations.

Berry Dishes.....25c to \$3.50	Berry Sets.....50c to \$3.00
Bon Bon Boxes.....15c to \$1.50	Bon Bon Boxes.....35c to 62c
Cake Plates.....50c to \$3.50	Cake Sets.....\$1.50 to \$3.00
Chocolate Pots.....75c to \$2.50	Chocolate Sets.....\$1.50 to \$3.00
Chop Dishes.....45c to \$3.00	Chop Sets.....\$1.50 to \$3.00
Cracker Jars.....35c to \$3.00	Celery Trays.....35c to \$1.25
Camp and Dish Trays.....50c to \$1.25	Compartments.....\$1.50 to \$2.25
Conter Sets (112 pieces) \$10 to \$25	Platter Sets.....\$1.50 to \$3.00
Fruit Saucers.....10c to 25c	Fruit Receivers.....25c to 50c
Fat Pin Holders.....25c to 50c	Mayanide Dishes.....50c to \$3.50
Marmalade Jars.....50c to 85c	Milk Jars.....50c to 1.00
Muffin Dishes.....50c to \$1.00	Nut Bowls.....50c to \$1.00
Nut Sets.....50c to \$1.00	Onion Dishes.....50c to \$1.00
Onion Plates.....10c to 30c	Placques.....25c to \$1.00
Pudding Dishes.....\$1.00	Salt Bowls.....25c to \$3.50
Salt Sets.....35c to \$3.00	Spoon Trays.....10c to \$3.50
Sugar and Cream Sets.....\$1.50 pair	Syringe.....25c to \$1.25
Tea Spoons.....25c to 50c	Tenat, Sugar and Cream 50c to \$3.50
Vases.....10c to \$4.00	etc., etc.

Cut Glass

A large assortment of beautiful shapes and cuttings. Bon Bells, Bowls, Saucers, etc., or 75c. Ewers, Compots, Penholders and Sals, Celery Trays, etc., etc. Prices—\$1.00 to \$55.00.

MERRIMACK ST. BASEMENT

WRAPPER BLANKETS ARE USEFUL GIFTS.

Just received a new lot of nice Wrapper Blankets, mostly all samples, for the next season. They are very handsome patterns in new colorings. The prices are very low for first quality of blankets:

30 blankets, worth \$3.00, at \$2.50 each
10 blankets, worth \$4.00, at \$3.00 each
10 blankets, worth \$4.50, at \$3.50 each
10 blankets, worth \$5.50, at \$5.00 each

BED SPREADS ALWAYS MAKE VERY ACCEPTABLE GIFTS.

We have some very handsome new designs of satin finish and Marcellite patterns, bought especially for Christmas trade.

Satin Finish Bed and Fridge, from \$1.75 to \$10.00
Marcellite Bed and Fridge, from \$2.00 to \$6.00 each

DOWN AND WOOL PUFFS ARE VERY POPULAR AS USEFUL GIFTS.

Down and Wool Puffs are always acceptable by most anybody. A very pretty down puff or a nice wool puff, as light as a feather and warmer than heavy blankets, can be had at very reasonable prices.

PALMER ST. BASEMENT

New Toilet Goods

GIFTS FOR WOMEN.

White Celluloid Comb, Brush and Mirror Sets.....\$2.50 to \$6
White Celluloid Manicure Sets.....\$1.50 to \$3.50
White Celluloid Comb and Brush Sets.....\$1.00 to \$3.50
White Celluloid Pin Cushion and Jewel Case.....\$1.75
White Celluloid Puff Box.....25c to \$2.25
White Celluloid Mirrors.....\$1.50 to \$5.50
White Celluloid Soap Box.....25c to 75c
White Celluloid Shoe Horn.....\$1.25
White Celluloid Clothes Brush.....\$2.50
White Celluloid Hat Brush.....\$1.25 and \$2.00
White Celluloid Nail Powder Boxes.....75c
White Celluloid Files and Hooks.....50c to 75c
Wood Back Hair Brushes.....60c to \$2.75
Wood Back Mirrors.....75c to \$2.25
Traveling Cases.....50c to \$2.25
Toilet Water.....25c to \$1.40
Assorted Perfumes in boxes.....25c to \$2.50
Piney Soaps.....25c to 75c cake
Talcum Powder.....15c to 50c
Sachet Envelopes.....10c
Sachet in Jars.....25c to 55c
Sachet Pads.....75c

GIFTS FOR MEN.

White Celluloid Military Brush Set.....\$5.25
White Celluloid Cloth Brush.....\$2.50
Ebony Military Brushes.....\$1.50 to \$5.75
Wood Back Military Brushes.....50c to \$2.50
Ebony Cloth Brushes.....\$2.75
Wood Back Cloth Brushes.....50c
Shaving Mirrors (Folding).....\$2.00
Shaving Sets.....\$1.25 to \$4.75
Pocket Hair Brush and Comb (Folding).....\$1.00
White Celluloid Mirrors (Folding).....65c and 75c
Brush and Comb Sets.....\$1.00 and \$1.25
Ebony Mirrors.....\$1.50 and \$2.25
Bay Rum.....30c and 50c
Florida Water.....19c and 50c
Shaving Brushes.....25c to \$1.00
Traveling Cases.....\$1.25

WEST SECTION RIGHT AISLE

Three Holiday Gifts

HALF PRICE

No. 1—Japanese Smoker Stand, imported, black ebony finish with match holder, cigar cutter, ash tray, cigar holder and candle holder, made to sell \$3, for this week \$1.50. Just the thing for gentleman's den.

No. 2—Combination Mission Finish Waste Basket or Jardiniera Stand, worth \$1.00, for this week....49c

No. 3—Bookcase or Magazine Rack—Solid weathered oak, mission finish, just like cut, 45 inches high, 16x10 inch shelves, reinforced back, sell regularly \$5 to \$7.50, for this week.....\$2.98

Also a fine line of Brie-a-Brac, mission oak furniture at special low prices in our Rug and Drapery Department.

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Shows its real worth as the day of giving approaches, by its unusual stocks, its most worthy values.

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Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman, of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1909. J. JOSEPH HENNESSY, Notary Public.

This is by far the largest average circulation of any newspaper in Lowell.

STREET-CORNER ORATORY SHOULD BE STOPPED.

Now that the election is over, we may speak of one of the objectionable campaign methods recently introduced, without running the risk of helping some undesirable candidate or of unfairness or dishonest motives.

From the beginning we did not favor the idea of allowing candidates for office to address crowds at street corners, mill gates, from the top of lunch wagons or the verandas of hotels fronting on the public streets.

This method of conducting a political canvass savors too much of street brawling and interference too much with the peace and quietude of the community, to be authorized or tolerated by the police. Carried to extremes it is liable to precipitate riots, and for this reason alone it should be forbidden by the police.

If this method be adopted by one candidate, other candidates seeking the same office are constrained to adopt it also in order not to allow an opponent any undue advantage. This was the case in the recent contest for the mayoralty where at one time no less than four candidates were addressing the citizens from points of vantage throughout the city.

It was the present mayor who first started this style of campaign in Lowell, and this in spite of the fact that the newspapers reported all his speeches fully and fairly. The success with which it was followed induced other candidates to resort to the same mode of reaching the people, with the result that towards the close of the recent campaign the public streets and squares were in numerous instances blocked so that passage was wholly obstructed by the crowds that gathered to listen to the appeals of the candidates.

Rep. John F. Meehan, the democratic candidate, detested this method of reaching the voters, but he was obliged to adopt it in order not to be outdone and left behind in the race by his opponent.

The abuse of the privilege of street-corner rallies was witnessed in many cases in the recent campaign where men who were not bona fide candidates, got upon the stump and made the MOST OUTRAGEOUS ATTACKS UPON REPUTABLE CITIZENS AND UPON CERTAIN BUSINESS INTERESTS.

Is it right to allow any man, especially some irresponsible individual, to vent his personal spleen in unwarranted attacks, not only on public officials but private citizens and business interests in no way involved in the issues of the election?

We believe not. The legitimate exercise of free speech does not imply the freedom to get up at any time in the market place or on the street corners and harangue the populace at will, denouncing reputable citizens as dangerous characters and appealing to prejudice by inflammatory language calculated to lead to a breach of the peace. Such public harangues should be prevented first, in the interests of good order, fair play and public decency, and second, to prevent obstruction of the streets and inconvenience to the general public.

There will always be found a crowd ready to listen to sensational charges and even to applaud the most violent attacks upon reputable citizens. They gather around a sensational speaker just as they buy a sensational paper to see what scandals it may contain.

It is not very long ago since a socialist orator was arrested for obstructing the streets by making a speech at a street corner. The socialist orator has precisely the same rights as a political candidate, no more no less. If one be prevented from addressing meetings on the public streets, so should the others be prevented.

In most cities any man who gets up to harangue the public at a street corner will be arrested. The police authorities reserve it to themselves to say where such public addresses shall be delivered. The city of Boston confines them in most cases to the common and thereby avoids the risk of disturbance and the obstruction of the public streets. Some regulation of this kind should be enforced in every city of any importance to guard against the outbreak of political candidates and their backers so as to prevent them getting the people excited, or even stirred to a fighting mood. Better confine such demonstrations to ward rooms or public halls so that those who are not interested will not be COMPELLED TO LISTEN to the speeches nor be disturbed by the turbulence they produce. We have had examples of this kind in which something said by the speaker excited a counter attack and then an appeal for sympathy was made on the ground that the candidate was denied the right of free speech.

When a man hires a hall for a public meeting he can speak without disturbance; but when he gets up to talk at a street corner, without a police permit, he must take the chances of arousing opposition, for he HAS NO MORE RIGHT TO AN EXCLUSIVE HEARING THAN ANY OTHER MAN WHO WISHES TO TALK.

Nevertheless, we have seen candidates who tried to make political capital out of interruptions by boys or others and even to charge the disturbance to a plot by political opponents. All kinds of political bluffs can be imposed upon the people in this street-corner style of campaigning, so that in the interests of public decency, order and general convenience, it is desirable that it be prohibited and that nobody shall be allowed to hold meetings of any kind on the public streets WITHOUT A PERMIT FROM THE POLICE.

Besides, it must be clear to every sane man that the most desirable candidate for office does not want to get down to this style of campaign. It was against Mr. Meehan's wishes that he had to resort to it in order to offset the work of his opponent. But he acknowledged that it was undignified, and something which an honorable candidate should not be obliged to do. Let us hope that he will use his influence to have police regulation adopted so that the man who wants to make political speeches in public places will have to get a police permit for that purpose. The police are not blamed for permitting the street-corner campaign in the recent election, for any interference on their part would have been made the basis for AN APPEAL TO SYMPATHY and would probably have resulted as did police interference a year ago in starting a general stampede for a particular candidate.

The Lowell public has had enough of this street-corner campaigning and wants it stopped. If the ordinances do not provide the remedy, then the police board should formulate the necessary regulation without delay.

SEEN AND HEARD

Only a few more days to write it 1909.

It wouldn't do any harm to make those resolutions now. If you can keep them over Christmas you're all right for the new year.

A couple who met on the South common and indulged in a parting kiss are attracting considerable attention these fine brisk mornings.

A grocer has made the following calculation and prints it on his card. Anyone who spends 30 cents a day for nonessentials, like beer, tobacco, soda water, or candy, for a year, can exchange for the same money:

Three barrels of flour.
Twenty bushels of potatoes.
Two hundred pounds of granulated sugar.
One barrel of crackers.
One pound of pepper.
Two pounds of tea.
Fifty pounds of salt.
Twenty pounds of rice.
Fifty pounds of butter.
Ten pounds of cheese.
Twenty-five pounds of coffee.
Ten pounds of candy.
Ten dozen pickles.
Ten dozen oranges.
Ten dozen bananas.
Two dozen cans of corn.
Eighteen dozen boxes of matches.
One-half bushel of beans.
One hundred cakes of soap.
Twelve packages of breakfast food, and get \$15.50 premiums for making the change in his expenditures.

Mrs. Heppelwelt who lives on the top floor, is not suspicious, but let her catch her husband doing anything, she let her husband do anything that she will catch him at—and there'll be trouble. There was trouble the other day, for while she was looking over the laundry she suddenly saw something that made her sit up in surprise. She grabbed an undershirt and stared at it. "I never sewed that button on," she finally concluded. "I never had a button like that in the house. I wouldn't sew a button like that on. Where did it come from? Who sewed it on?"

When he came home she asked him about it in that careless, easy, affable way that fills a man with an uncontrollable fear that something has happened and that he is up against trouble. So Heppelwelt pulled himself together and said in an offhand manner that confirmed her worst suspicions: "O, I don't know. I suppose you did. You usually look after such things. I'm sure I didn't do it myself. Why, I couldn't hold a needle."

"O, couldn't you?" she said icily. "Well, who had the needle that sewed that button on? I didn't, who did?"

"How should I know?" he demanded, growing angry. "What harm is there in that button? It looks all right to me. Maybe you sewed it on and forgot."

"I don't forget," she said, very, very calm. "But you seem to have a happy

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DENIS MURPHY
18 Appleton Street

Who Saw the Accident?

Will the person who saw a man thrown from car at corner of Chestnut and Nimitz st. on August 1st, last, kindly send particulars to M. J. J. Sun Office.

Exhibition and Sale of Hand Painted China

and needlework at the store of Derby & Morse, 64 Middle street, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

Something Electrical for Christmas
Electric Railways, Toys, Pocket Lights, Reading Lamps, etc.

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Has Removed

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Don't Be Afraid of These Overcoats Because They're Only \$2.00

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50 Overcoats for Boys 8 Years to 16, \$3.00

With military collar, made from fancy coatings, and with these a collection of fine coats that sold for \$5.00 and \$6.00.

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30 Boys' Strictly All Wool

FRIEZE OVERCOATS

Were \$6.00, for..... \$3.75

Made full double breasted, splendidly tailored—and strictly all wool; these are three quarter length overcoats—to fit boys 8 years to 16—and the best value we have advertised. Instead of \$6.00, special for Christmas..... \$3.75

40 Boys'

FINEST OVERCOATS

Sold for \$13 and \$15, Special for Christmas \$10

The finest coats in stock. Protector, Tourist and Combination collar garments of the latest cut—fancy coatings and chevrons—from Rogers-Peet and other fine makers—sold up to \$15—all..... \$10

Protector Overcoats with combination collar, button close to the neck, military style or roll. New handsome patterns, sizes 8 years to 17, for..... \$5.00

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For Small Boys 3 Years to 9

The prettiest designs that have been shown this season—in Russian, Protector and Auto Coats—made from a great variety of fancy coatings, plain kerseys, warm meltons, Scotch fabrics and astrachan. The most attractive collection of juvenile garments that we have ever displayed—and in wonderful variety—these little overcoats for \$2, \$2.50, \$3 and up to \$7

Special Christmas Prices for Boys' Excellent Suits

80 Suits for Boys 8 years to 16—a group

of stylish double breasted jacket suits with knicker trousers—sold for \$5 and \$6—Christmas price..... \$3.50

60 Very Fine Suits for Boys 8 years to 16

embracing all the remainders of suits that sold for \$8.00 and \$9.00, fancy worsteds, chevrons and serges—Christmas price..... \$5.75

40 of Our Boys' Finest Suits, most of these made by Rogers-Peet Co., to fit boys 9 years to 16

The best clothing in America for boys—sold for \$10 and \$12—Christmas price..... \$7.75

Everything Here That the Boys Wish for—New Smart Styles That the Boys Appreciate

BOYS' FLANNEL BLOUSES

With or without collar—navy, red, or gray, 25c and 50c

Boys' White and colored Madras Blouses—with or without collar..... 18c to \$1

BOYS' SHIRTS

Sizes 12 to 14 neck.

White Dress Shirts..... 50c to \$1.50
White Negligees..... 50c to \$1.00
Fancy Negligees..... 50c to \$1.00
Working Shirts, cheviot and black twills, 45c

BOYS' UMBRELLAS

A fine collection of umbrellas, boys' sizes, new and most attractive handles, 50c to \$1.25

BOYS' HANDSOME NECKWEAR

In Individual boxes.

Boys' Silk Bows..... 10c and 13c
Boys' Silk Windsors..... 10c and 25c
Boys' Silk Four-in-Hands..... 25c and 50c
Boys' Knitted Four-in-Hands—pure silk, 50c

BOYS' CHRISTMAS SUSPENDERS

All in pretty boxes..... 25c a pair
Boys' Cuff Links..... 25c and 50c
Boys' Scarf Pins..... 25c, \$1.00
Boys' Handkerchiefs, boxed—2 and 3 in the box, from..... 10c to 25c

BOYS' NIGHT SHIRTS and PAJAMAS

For Boys 8 years to 16.

Boys' Night Shirts, plain or trimmed, cotton and domed flannels..... 45c and 50c
Boys' Pajamas, domed flannel and madras, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
Boys' Flannel Sleeping Suits, sizes 3 years to 7..... 45c

BOYS' WINTER HOSIERY

Heavy cotton, wide or narrow ribbed, 12 1-2 to 25c

Black Cashmere..... 25c

BOYS' GLOVES

Boys' heavy wool mittens..... 8c to 25c
Boys' heavy lined leather gloves and mittens..... 25c to 50c
Boys' leather gauntlets, unlined..... 35c
Lined..... 50c
Boys' lined Kid, Mocha and Astrachan gloves..... 50c to \$1
Boys' Cape leather and dogskin street gloves..... \$1.00 and \$1.25
Boys' White Kid Dress Gloves..... \$1.25

BOYS' UNDERWEAR

Boys' Heavy Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers—sizes 24 to 34..... 19c
Finer qualities up to..... 50c
Boys' Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers—sizes 24 to 34, from..... 45c to 50c
Boys' Natural Wool Underwear—vests and pants, sizes 20 to 26..... 35c to 60c
Boys' White Wool Underwear—vests and pants..... 35c to 60c
Boys' Winter Weight Jersey Underwear—shirts and drawers, 24 to 34..... 50c
Boys' Union Suits—Jersey balbriggan and merino—sizes 2 years to 16..... \$1

BOYS' HATS AND CAPS

Everything for Winter that the Boy wants Double Band Caps—inside fur bands, new golf style..... 25c and 50c
Smart College Hats—in all of the new colors..... \$1.00 to \$1.50
Skating Caps, Torques and Hockey Caps, knit or angora..... 25c and 45c

A Special Sale of

CHILDREN'S WINTER CAPS

All small lots that sold for 50c and \$1. All mohair hats that sold for 50c and \$1 gathered in one lot and marked now to close..... 25c
Children's Fancy Caps, hats, jack tars and tarpaulins..... 50c to \$2.00

BOYS' SHOES

Boys' Rugged Winter Shoes—Full double soles—warranted to give excellent wear. Sizes 8 to 13 1-2..... 95c
Boys' Sturdy Winter Shoes—Kangaroo grain leather, full double soles—the kind that give good wear..... \$1.15
Other fine qualities from..... \$1.50 to \$2.50
Boys' Storm Boots, \$1.95—All sizes from 11 to 5 1-2—extra heavy soles—stuffed with oil to keep out the water—oil tanned leather—laced with eyelets and 2 buckles and straps—our price..... \$1.95
Other qualities up to..... \$2.35
Boys' Dancing Pumps..... \$1.35 and \$1.50

BOYS' HEAVY COAT SWEATERS

Oxford Coat Sweaters—with red borders—all sizes 24 to 34..... 60c
Boys' Fine Wool and Worsted Sweaters—white, oxford, gray and maroon..... \$1 to \$3

faculty of forgetting. Now, Joshua Heppelwelt, I demand to know who sewed that button on. But every possible explanation he could think of seemed to him, even in his present distracted state, absurd and ineffective. "I suppose," he thought reluctantly, "that I'll simply have to grin and bear it until the fl wears off or until she finds out where the confounded thing came from."

him and he was really worried at her boldness and evidence of deep grief. "Now, Mary," he expostulated, "be reasonable. O, yes, I'll be reasonable," she snapped, "if you'll be honest. Who sewed on that button?"

We saw on all missing buttons now. Noticed it last week, didn't you?" She nodded affirmatively. "Good idea, ain't it?" he continued. "It's a little more work, but it saves a lot of kicks from crank customers. Saves you lot of work and worry, don't it, Mrs. Heppelwelt?"

"No, it don't!" she yelled. "You leave the buttons off if they are off. I like them that way. And I'm going to change my laundryman for meddling with my wash."

He backed in open-mouthed amazement all the way down the stairs. "If that ain't the limit!" he groaned. But did she receive her husband with open arms and explain the mistake?

IT DESERVES IT
The Sun occupies the highest position in local journalism. It leads in everything. Everyone admits it to be
LOWELL'S
GREATEST NEWSPAPER

HOW THE SALVATION ARMY CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS



In every large city of the United States and in many of the smaller ones the Salvation Army, modern Santa Claus to the down and out, is collecting funds and making arrangements for the feeding of the poor on Christmas day. It is estimated that half a million square meals are supplied to hungry persons in America through this one agency of charity. Four years ago Miss Evangeline Booth, Salvation Army commander in America, declared that the army's Christmas guests, drawn from the sternest ranks of want and sorrow, numbered at least 300,000. Since then the dinner giving organization has expanded its work greatly, so that the estimate of half a million meals to be given away this Christmas is believed to be well within the probabilities.

This is not to be taken to mean, that half a million hungry persons will gather about long and laden tables in vast halls, to be served on the spot with food steaming hot. In each of the larger cities several thousands gather at such spreads, but in the aggregate they constitute a comparatively small part of the grand army of indigents which is supplied with rations obtained by the Salvation Army through a system of benevolent forage. It is the basket "handout," sent or carried to the homes of the poor, to put and hovel, to damp basement and desolate attic, to the crowded tenement in the slums and the ghetto, that makes up the major part of the Christmas free feed.

As a matter of fact, the Salvation Army acts merely as agent in this benevolence. The army oversees the job. The army serves as a go-between, with the contributing public on the one hand and the receiving needy throng on the other. The thousands of army workers give their time and labor; the thousands of outsiders give their pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars. Some of them give also their jewelry and

other precious bangles to make the Christmas pot boil.

The boiling pot of the Salvation Army's Christmas fund collectors has become almost a national institution, incident to the last three or four weeks before the holiday. In the big cities the blue banded Salvation lassie or the blue bloused Salvation man standing beside the swinging gypsy pot has become a familiar figure. When, about the first week in December, the pot makes its appearance here and there at points where the passing throngs are thickest, the city dweller uses it as a sort of calendar to notify him that Christmas is coming.

Perhaps in the rush of business and the strenuous duties of this busy up age his thoughts have dwelt but little upon the holiday of Christendom since

last Dec. 25, but when he sees the boiling pot and hears the merry tinkles of the tambourine or the bell that calls his attention to it and invites his contribution he begins to think of Christmas. He recalls how eagerly he looked forward to the season and its joys in childhood days, and when his thoughts fly away from home, out to the hordes of the hungry and the destitute, he feels in his pocket for a piece of change to force down the feeling of compassion in his heart. That's the sort of fellow feeling that makes the whole world kin—when a fellow feels for change to put into the pot as he passes by.

Such is the appeal of the collecting pot that persons who lack ready cash sometimes throw in articles of jewelry. A year or two ago a woman in New York drew from her finger a valuable ring, tossed it in and hurried along.

The ring was just as welcome as cash. It was sold, and the proceeds went into the Christmas fund. A man passed along and dropped into one of the pots a silver cuff button. Perhaps he had found it somewhere or had lost it. In all probability it was of no value to him. His giving it was no sacrifice. Yet it was turned into 15 cents, selling as old silver, and the fund was enriched to that extent.

Doing a National Service. Pledged quarters and lead nickels sometimes find a temporary lodging place in one of the pots. Salvation officers say also that from time to time they find counterfeit coin, dollars and spurious paper money, but they argue that in entering this bad money into their collection they are doing the nation a service, for all such stuff is destroyed at once.

These are exceptional cases. Nearly every one who contributes at all puts in good money. The sum may be small or large. Usually it is very small. Pennies rain into the pots in handfuls, but a hundred pennies make a dollar, and a very great many dollars for the dinner fund are built up out of the multitudes of clinking coppers.

Silver coins of consequence and crisp greenbacks that buy several dinners each are enticed into the boiling pots by the fairies of charity and pity. Sometimes a produce merchant will drop in a slip of paper which proves to be an order upon his store for a barrel of sugar, a crate of potatoes or a sack of flour. But the great bulk of the Christmas contributions comes in cash, and the supplies for the big feast are bought by contract, in enormous quantities, at the best figures to be

obtained by the careful Salvationists, who wish to feed as many as possible and have as much as possible left over for distribution by basket after Christmas. No matter what may be the excellence of the organization, always there are needy cases which are not listed prior to the holiday.

Making Up the Lists. In each big city the Salvation Army has a sort of census system whereby the organization ascertains the whereabouts of those who are needy. Lists are made out weeks in advance, constant additions being made. The city authorities, the police, the churches, many private citizens, aid in making up the lists of individuals or families that would welcome a Christmas dinner or basket. It is declared by an officer in charge of preparing the lists for distribution of food in one of the

great cities that the doctors supply information as to the most destitute families. Many families would be left off the lists but for the information quietly and unostentatiously furnished by the physicians.

Usually the baskets contain food enough to give two or three square meals to a family of five. Where it is known to the army officers that a pair of indigent parents has never upheld the race suicide theory an extra chicken or hunk of ham is put into the basket.

Hungry?—That's Enough.

Deserving poor, did you ask? If you should inquire at any Salvation Army barracks about contributing toward the comforts of "the deserving poor" you would get a reply something like this:

"The Salvation Army is feeding the hungry, and it is not asking why the hungry happen to be hungry. The fact that they are hungry is enough. Feed a hungry man, woman or child first, then find out if you like what caused the hunger, whether it was misfortune or just common carelessness. So far as this Christmas dinner goes, we don't care. When a fellow is hungry he's hungry, and that's about all we want to know."

In this the Salvation Army is merely carrying out its tactics adopted when General Booth and his wife founded the worldwide institution. First feed the raw material for conversion or reclamation, then convert or reclaim it—that's the army idea. If there be highbrow moralists who carp against giving free dinners to any but "the deserving poor," the Salvation Army maintains for them no altitudinous niche wherein they may sit and carp. The Salvation Army has no time to spend on highbrows anyhow.

It spends quite a deal of time in providing a Christmas dinner for half a million Americans who are hungry and otherwise would fare but scantily, and anybody who needs a square meal on the birthday of the gentle Nazarene can get it by applying to the Salvation Army. ROBERTUS LOVE.

Uncle Sam's Newest Life Saving Service

How the Government Is Preparing to Prevent Such Horrors Hereafter as the Cherry Coal Mine Disaster

ACCORDING to the opinions of experts connected with the rescue corps of the United States geological survey, Uncle Sam's newest life saving service, only a few dollars' worth of stale hay and the expenditure of a few cubic feet of oxygen, instead of the precious lives of 230 miners, would have been the sum total of loss at the recent mine disaster in Cherry, Ill., had a party of men equipped with helmets and oxygen tanks been sent down into the mine shortly after a miner's lamp set fire to some hay. As it was, twenty men were saved after a week's suffering in the air fouled mine chambers by the use of

the breathing apparatus which the government is seeking to introduce at every mine in the United States.

The saving of these twenty lives is a practical illustration of the efficiency of the new idea in mine rescue work. Experiments on an exhaustive scale are being carried on by the geological survey at a station recently established at Pittsburg. It is the purpose of the government to open stations for instruction in such work at or near the greater centers of mine accidents throughout the country. Already there is a station at the University of Illinois, in the town of Champaign, which is intended for the protection of miners

in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, northern Missouri and western Kentucky. At Knoxville, Tenn., another station covers Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia, eastern Kentucky, Georgia and southern West Virginia.

Director George Otis Smith of the geological survey in a recent bulletin indicates that stations will be established soon at Baton, N. M., to take care of New Mexico, Colorado, southern Utah, Wyoming and Nevada; at Salt Lake City, central for the Utah fields and accessible to Montana and Washington, and near South McAlester, Okla., to take care of the coal fields of Oklahoma, Arkansas, southwestern Missouri and southeastern Kansas.

The promise of this protection is hailed with joy by every miner and every miner's wife and children, while the compassionate public, shuddering at the horrors of the underground, breathes more easily at the prospect

that all miners temporarily imprisoned in gas poisoned chambers may be enabled to breathe life sustaining oxygen until they can be brought to the surface by the heroes of this new rescue work. The rescue corps doubtless will take its place in popular approval alongside the United States life saving service, which rescues thousands every year from death by shipwreck.

The apparatus employed by the mine rescuers is similar to that worn by deep sea divers. Over the head is placed a helmet, air tight, and upon his back the rescuer carries a tank containing enough oxygen to last him two or three hours. A tube carries the oxygen into the helmet. The impurities in the breath as it is expelled are absorbed by a small quantity of potassium hydroxide carried in a separate tank. The nitrogen in the air remaining in the helmet after the rescuer puts it on above ground serves to dilute the oxygen sufficiently.

Wearing this apparatus, the rescuer can pass without peril through dense smoke, fire damp, natural gas, coal dust or the deadly black damp which killed so many of the miners at Cherry.

Each rescuer carries an extra tank of oxygen for the resuscitation of victims. A mouthpiece is fitted over the face of the man who is overcome by foul air of any kind. A trained man induces artificial respiration by compelling the body movements employed in the case of a drowning person, and the exhilarating oxygen passes into the lungs, revivifying the victim.

It is the object of the government not only to train men for this rescue work at the several stations now in operation and to be established, but also to instruct groups of miners at the various mine centers, so that there will be always above ground some men who can put on the life saving apparatus and descend to the rescue of their comrades at a moment's notice. Several miners at Cherry, who had but a few hours' instruction in the use of the apparatus, went down and helped to rescue the twenty survivors.

The rescue corps of the United States geological survey is of very recent origin. Congress appropriated \$150,000 in July, 1908, for the investigation of the causes of mine disasters and the formulation of remedies. Out of that appropriation grew the rescue corps, now only in the infancy of its efficiency. Seven hundred lives were lost through explosions in four coal mines in December, 1907. The agitation following these catastrophes led to the establishment of the government's rescue service.

A few figures will show the imperative demand for such a work. In 1906, according to geological survey statistics, 2,061 coal miners were killed and 4,800 were injured. The record for 1907 was 2,125 killed and 5,800 injured. In 1908 the deaths were 2,450. WILLIAM RYNDERSON.

Two Golfers May Play For Presidency

If Judson Harmon becomes the Democratic nominee for president of the United States in 1912, as ex-Governor R. B. Glenn of North Carolina and many other distinguished Democrats believe, and if President Taft is nominated to succeed himself, two Ohio golf players, both from Cincinnati, will play a finish game against each other on the national links that year.

Both are inveterate golf players, more or less expert. Both have served on the bench and as cabinet officers, Harmon having been attorney general in Cleveland's second administration. They are devoted friends of many years' standing. Harmon is Jud to Taft, who is Bill to Harmon.

Despite their political differences, each has crowded over the advancement of the other, though Harmon supported Bryan against Taft in the 1908 campaign, and of course Taft was sorry (politically) when Harmon was elected governor of Ohio that year over the Republican candidate.

Harmon, in fact, gave Taft his first opportunity for a jurist's career, when he resigned in 1887 from the superior court bench at Cincinnati. Governor Foraker appointed Taft, then a youngster of thirty, to the vacancy, and Judge Harmon returned to the practice of the law.

Governor Harmon is nearly sixty-four years old. Should he become president in 1912 he will be, with the single exception of William Henry Harrison, who served only one month before his death, the oldest chief executive in the history of the nation.

Ex-Governor Glenn undoubtedly spoke for many Democrats the other day when he said of Governor Harmon as probably the next presidential nominee: "I think he is the best man for the place, and I know from experience, for I came in contact with him as attorney general of the United States when I was federal district attorney in my state. He is an exceptionally able man, and his election as governor on the Democratic ticket in a state which had one of its own sons as the Republican presidential candidate was a remarkable political feat. Everywhere I have been in my tour of the country I found Harmon was the leading candidate."

Ever since the third defeat of Bryan and the election of Harmon to the governorship the Ohio executive has been regarded as distinctly in the running for his party nomination to the presidency. Since the death of Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota, by many Democrats and Republicans regarded as the most likely candidate to succeed Bryan as standard bearer, Harmon's chances seem to have grown throughout the country. With the ex-

Judson Harmon, Taft's Old Neighbor and Friend. Now Regarded as Most Available For Democratic Nomination



GOVERNOR JUDSON HARMON OF OHIO.

ception of ex-Governor Joseph W. Falk to practice his profession. His father, of Missouri, Governor Harmon is about the only man now mentioned prominently for the honor. Falk is to be a candidate for United States senator in fifteen, when the civil war began, took advantage of his father's absence one day and joined the rural militia company to stop General Kirby Smith from invading Ohio. The reverend parent found the boy camped with the company under a circus tent and took him home and sent him to college. Judson Harmon has not been very much of a politician. He has preferred

ROBERT DONNELLY.



INTERIOR OF ROOM IN WHICH MINERS ARE TRAINED IN RESCUE WORK.

THREE LIVES LOST

Department Store in London Was Destroyed By Fire

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A disastrous fire, involving so far as has been ascertained the loss of three lives and the destruction of the big drapery store of Arding & Hobbs at Clapham, a southwestern quarter of London, occurred yesterday.

The fire was due, it is believed, to the breaking of an electric bulb, which started a blaze among celluloid articles beneath.

It occurred about 4.30 p. m. when the store, covering an acre of ground and having five floors and 160 departments, was crowded with Christmas customers. In a little more than an hour the building was a mass of ruins. The damage is estimated in the vicinity of \$2,500,000.

All the customers made their way in safety out of the store and there was very little panic.

The progress of the flames, assisted by the Christmas decorations and festoons, was so rapid that some of the employees were caught on the upper floors. Two men took a couple of girls to one of the windows.

One of the girls descended the fire escape in safety. While the second was trying to reach the ground the ladder took fire. The girl fell and was killed. The two men then jumped and were also killed.

John Burns, president of the local government board, was early on the scene and assisted in directing the firemen's operations with a sack over his shoulders to protect him from the water.

Many persons were assisted from the windows by the firemen, and sev-

eral of the employees were seriously injured, a few possibly fatally. At midnight it was still impossible to search the ruins, and some of the employees are still unaccounted for.

Fire burns remained at the scene for three hours, and then attended a meeting of the electors of Battersea, with his hand done up in bandages, his clothes saturated with water and his face begrimed with smoke. He remained to excuse him from making a speech. The audience, after standing uncovered as a mark of condolence for the victims of the fire, dispersed with cheers for "Honest John."

WHITES ARMED

Nearly Every Negro Has Left Magnolia

MAGNOLIA, Ala., Dec. 21.—Magnolia is quiet, after a day of intense excitement with much bitter feeling manifested between whites and blacks. A company of militia was ordered here last night. Ernest Slade, one of four white men shot by Clinton Montgomery, a desperate negro, is fatally wounded. His death, expected at any time, may cause the flame of race hatred to burst forth anew.

Clinton Montgomery's charred body lies in the ruins of a negro hut near town as a result of a visit by a mob of citizens yesterday. Brister and Shelby Montgomery, brothers of the dead negro, barely escaped lynching earlier yesterday. They were placed in the Linden jail later.

Search continued last night for William Montgomery, another of the four brothers, whose alleged murder late on Saturday night of Algonon Lewis, a young white man, caused the trouble. Nearly every negro resident left Magnolia yesterday. The whites are well armed.

Yesterday Clinton Montgomery and several other negroes were found barricaded in a house. Fearing for their lives, Montgomery's companions surrendered.

One of them was forced to set fire to the house in which Montgomery remained. When the building was enveloped in smoke, he threw up a window and opened fire.

Ernest Slade fell mortally wounded, his face and body filled with shot. Three others were also wounded, though not seriously.

Montgomery was riddled with bullets, as he was attempting to leave the house, and the corpse was consumed in the burning building.

DEATH THREATS

In Letter Sent to Richard Parr

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Threats of death by poison and by violence against Richard Parr, the special treasury agent who unearthed the sugar frauds, are contained in a letter given out by him last night. The letter, received on Dec. 11, follows:

"The editor of the Sun died suddenly. Some prominent men in the customs died suddenly. You have been taken suddenly ill. Beware of poison."

(Signed) "Sugar."

Mr. Parr was indeed taken suddenly ill during the recent trial. His illness was supposed to be an affection of the nerves.

Other letters received by him, he said last night, contained threats of injury. He was told that he would be pushed off a subway platform in front of a moving train, and that he would be shot.

DIED ON WAGON

Wm. Rand Was on Way to Fire

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 21.—William F. Rand, the veteran driver of hose 2, Dover fire department, familiarly known to every Dover resident as "Billy," dropped dead while driving to a brush fire on Oak street, near Garrison hill, yesterday afternoon.

Driver Rand had driven into Oak street from Broadway and was about 300 yards from the fire, which was just over the city line in Rollinsford, when he was seen by his comrades to topple over backward, gasping for breath.

John J. Brennan of hose 3, Lieut. Frank Swath of hose 2 and Assistant Engineer James Smith went to his assistance.

Mr. Rand died about as soon as they reached his wagon. A moment before the attack of heart failure came on, he stopped his horse. He was taken to the Westworth hospital.

AT MEMORIAL SERVICE
At the memorial service of Lawrence, Knight of Columbus, held in St. Patrick's church, South Lawrence, Sunday night, May 12, Whiteley, the talented soprano soloist of St. Patrick's church choir, this city, rendered Wagner's "O Salutaris." The sermon was preached by James L. McGuire, R. D. of C. C.

TEXTILE NOTES

Interesting Items From Mill Centers

ROCKVILLE, Conn., Dec. 21.—The Rockville Worsted Co. has been organized to operate the Fitch plant, which was recently bought from Belding Bros. & Co., by Edmund Corcoran of Philadelphia. The corporation has an authorized capital stock of \$125,000 and the incorporators are Edmund Corcoran and T. M. Corcoran of Philadelphia, Frank E. Weedon of Providence, T. J. Corcoran of Warren, Mass., and A. N. Holding, T. J. Corcoran, Jr., P. B. Leonard, Jos. B. Coogan, George P. Wendeliser and Halsey L. Allen, all of Rockville. The Fitch property has been renovated, and much new and special machinery has already been installed. It is expected that the plant will be put in operation some time next month.

WILL MAKE GINGHAMS
MARBLE FALLS, Tex., Dec. 21.—The Granite Manufacturing Co. will install cotton manufacturing machinery. It will have 800 looms for weaving gingham, chambrays and madras, and the contract for the entire equipment has been awarded. The power will be electricity, transmitted from the water power electrical plant of the Colorado River Power Co.

NEW HOSIERY PLANT
CLEVELAND, Tenn., Dec. 21.—The Weiss Hosiery mill has been organized with C. H. Weiss, president, and P. R. Mayfield, secretary and treasurer. A brick building will be erected, 50x150 feet, with a boiler and engine room addition, 50 footers, 10 looms, one sewing machine, dyeing equipment and steam power plant. The daily output will be 20 dozen pairs of men and women's fine gauge hosiery, with 75 operatives employed. This company was incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000.

TO DOUBLE THREAD PLANT
ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 21.—The Star Thread mill has completed plans for

NEW TRENT VALLEY MILL
TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 21.—The Trent Valley Woollen mills, Campbellford, Ont., are completing a two story iron frame building. The top floor will be used as a weave room and will be one of the finest in the dominion.

MILL INCREASES CAPITAL
ROCK HILL, S. C., Dec. 21.—The Aragon mill has increased its capital stock from \$400,000 to \$500,000. This company now has 14,336 ring spindles and 280 broad looms, operated by electricity and producing print cloths.

COTTON MILL INCORPORATED
EMPHORIA, Va., Dec. 21.—The McHerrin Cotton Mills Co. has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000 and the following officers: President, C. B. Wood; vice president, W. R. Wood; secretary treasurer, Pattie I. Wood.

BOSTON MILL STOCKS
BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Sales of cotton mill stocks for the week: 3 Naumkeag at 145 5-8; 10 Ameskeag at 207 1-2; 6 Pepperell at 325-325; 7 Wamsutta at 135; 15 Merrimack common at 56; 32 Lincoln mills of Fall River at 93; Great Falls at 199-199 1-4; 10 Dartmouth at 235; 6 Newmarket at 145.

DECLARE DIVIDEND
FALL RIVER, Dec. 21.—The directors of the Tecumseh mills have declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1-2 per cent, payable Jan. 1.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

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THE COUNTESS

Denies That She Will Ask Divorce

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Countess Duella, who was Mrs. John B. Stetson, has returned from Portugal without her husband. At her beautiful country seat, "Idro," on the York road, in Elkins park, the countess refuses to say any but her most intimate friends.

When her son, John B. Stetson, Jr., was asked if it were true that his mother contemplated a divorce, he referred the questioner to the Norristown counsellor, N. B. Larzalere, and the latter denied last night that a divorce was contemplated.

The count and countess went abroad soon after the claims of Mrs. Josephine Earnest of Chicago were made public. Mrs. Earnest stated that she had lifted the count from social obscurity and was instrumental in his marrying the wealthy widow. She said that he promised to give her \$10,000 as soon as the wedding ceremony was performed.

Mrs. Earnest further alleged that she wrote endearing letters in which the count pleaded his love. To press her claim she retained the services of Henry J. Scott of this city.

She also said the count owed her commissions for the sale of statuary he had made and which he sold while engaged as Portuguese consul in the Illinois city. The count denied to interviewers all the claims and charges.

MAN WAS KILLED

By a Leap From a Window

LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 21.—William C. Smith, a patient at the Central Maine general hospital, in the absence of his nurse yesterday, jumped from the window of his room, hoping to land on the roof of an adjoining building. Instead he fell between the two buildings, fracturing his skull and dying almost immediately.

Mr. Smith was born in Baltimore, about 60 years ago. When a boy he lived in Auburn and later in Lewiston. About 18 years ago he went to Boston to live remaining there until a few months ago.

He once served a term in Auburn jail for intoxication and wrote a series of letters to a local paper, headed "A Voice from the Tombs," and signed "The Man in the Iron Mask," which were very witty.

When he returned here he was almost in a destitute condition. He endeavored to get into the Lewiston almshouse, but could not, and later he was sent to the hospital.

So far as known he had no relatives living and unless some friends come forward to claim his body it will be sent to the Maine medical school.

FOUR PRISONERS

Were Granted Pardon From State Prison

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 21.—Four prisoners were released from state prison late yesterday by the board of pardons, which had adjourned over from last Monday, when a number of petitions remained unheeded.

The application of John Warren, convict No. 1, the Wellington wife murderer, who completed 25 years in a cell last Tuesday, was denied, but among the four released is Catherine Neill, who was convicted at Bridgeport, May 22, 1907, and sentenced to life to nine years for manslaughter.

Petite "Goldie" Neill, well known in New York, stabbed her husband, who was a blacksmith and ex-pugilist, when he attempted to drive her from a hotel at Greenwich, Conn., to earn money for him immorally. It was alleged that she used a nail file, but it has since been proven that he rushed against an umbrella which she held and the point penetrated his skull through the eye.

She will be told of her release to-day, and will probably be taken to the house of the Good Shepherd in this city, as the authorities do not

MISSION MONEY

APPORTIONED TO CHURCHES BY ANDOVER ASSOCIATION

The amount of money to be raised by the Congregational churches of the Andover association for the seven benevolent societies of the denomination, this year, is \$13,000, of which several thousand will be raised in Lowell, the largest apportionment being \$2393, assigned to the Kirk Street church. Under the new apportionment plan, 40 per cent. will go to foreign work and 60 per cent. for home missions.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

The Sabbath school of the First Universalist church has chosen the following officers for 1910: Superintendent, Linson H. DeVoe; assistant, Charles Stickney; secretary, Herbert L. Chapman; assistant, Harry Brown; treasurer, Miss Mabel H. Adams; librarian, Paul Hartford; assistant, Paul Goward.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Useful gifts, above all others, should be of good quality, stylish and up-to-date and desirable in every way to serve their purpose properly. Our goods are of such a character.

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All colors; self-fitting ends 2 for 5c

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Piano and Spiral 2 for 5c

BIRTHDAY TAPERS
Box containing twenty-four 15c a box

BOBCHES
(Candle Drippers)
White Glass and Pink Porcelain Round in shape 5c each

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BOXED A DRAW

Bill McKinnon Met Frank Mantell at Providence

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 21.—Bill McKinnon of Roxbury, Mass., and Frank Mantell of Pawtucket boxed 12 hard rounds to a draw last night at the Woonsocket opera house before 1500 persons, to whom the decision seemed fair.

Both Mantell and McKinnon were in excellent shape and the battle was a fierce one from the start. Mantell had the advantage up to the ninth round, with the exception of the third, when McKinnon slipped in many effective body blows. After the ninth the Roxbury boxer took the lead and had the Pawtucket man guessing.

Mantell opened up McKinnon's eye, but Bill fought more gamely afterward. Mantell's best blows were solid body smashes in clinches, while McKinnon swung harder than Mantell each time he struck. The bout was the best ever seen here and showed the boys to be an almost perfect match in every department.

In the semi-final Kid Desroff knocked out Kid Dupre in the second round. Young Buster of Pawtucket was given a decision over Young Miller in four rounds. Kid Carpenter and Tommy Tudell boxed a four-round draw.

MURPHY OUT IN SECOND

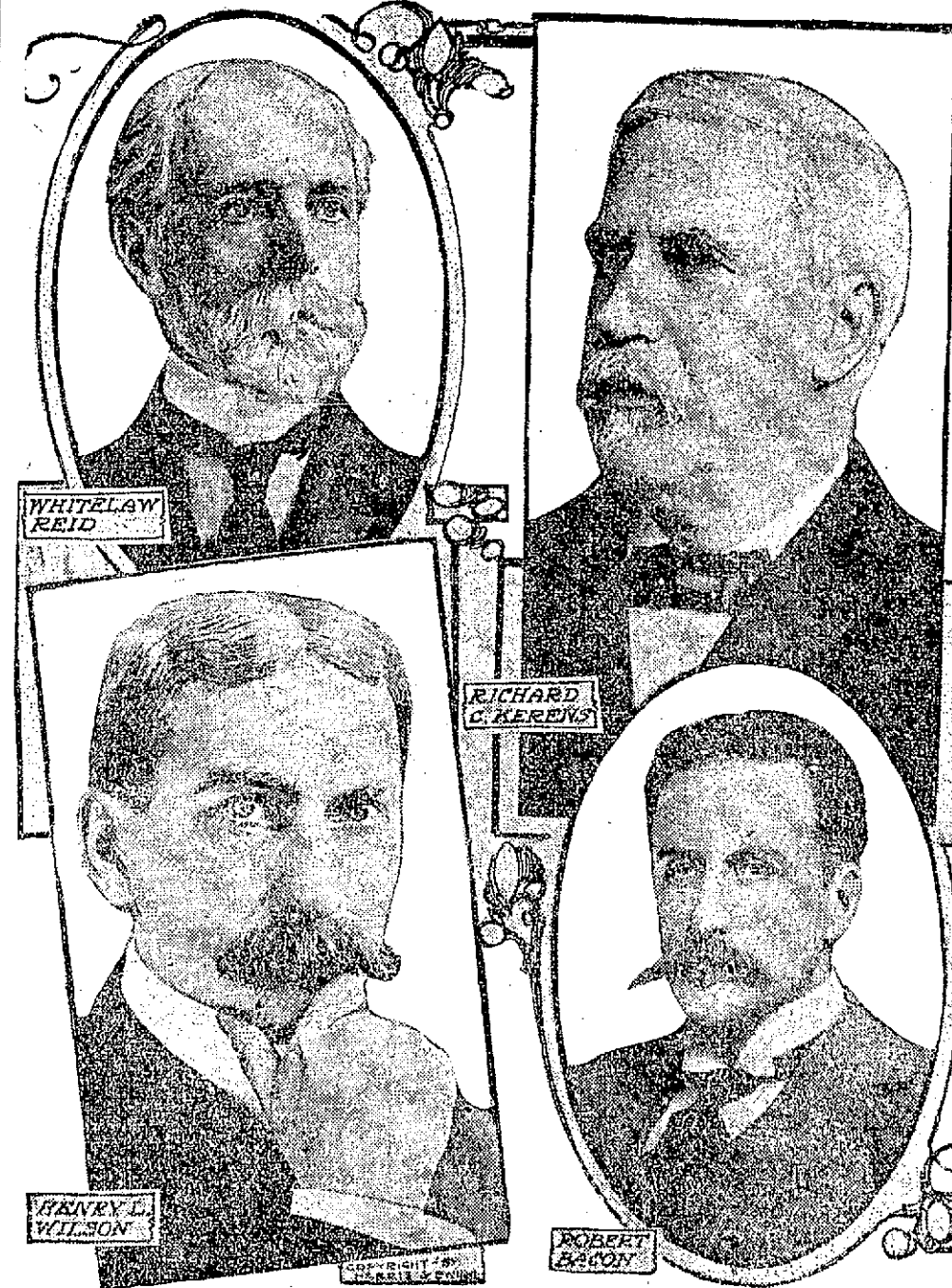
SATLEM, Dec. 21.—Al, the Young Men's A. A. last night Eddie Shevlin of Boston and Joe Murphy of Cambridge were down for the eighth, event of eight rounds, and they made it a brotherly act from the start, neither hurting the other with his light jabs and swings. The crowd yelled and hissed and Murphy went down in the second round and was counted out by the referee.

The semi-final bout of six rounds was the best of the night. Young Kelly of Lynn and Eddie Donahue of the U. S. S. Ohio getting a draw after a lively bout. In the preliminary bout of six rounds Young Wilkins of Peabody disposed of Young Tenack, also from Peabody, in the fifth round.

RICKARD SAYS UTAH

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—According to G. L. Rickard, better known as "Tex" Rickard, the Jeffries-Johnson fight promoter, who arrived here yesterday on his way to his home, the governor of Utah will not oppose the meeting of the contenders for the heavyweight pugilistic championship in Salt Lake City July 4.

THREE NEW ENVOYS NAMED BY PRESIDENT AND ONE WHO PROBABLY WILL HOLD OVER



WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—When President Taft sent to the senate his list of nominations for diplomatic service there was considerable surprise that he named no one to succeed Whiteley Reid as ambassador to Great Britain. In semi-official circles it is asserted that Mr. Reid will be reappointed. The president's nominations are as follows: Robert Bacon to be ambassador to France, succeeding Henry White, who retires; R. C. Kerens of St. Louis to be ambassador to Austria-Hungary, succeeding Charles S. Francis of Troy, N. Y., who retires; Henry Lane Wilson of Washington, now minister to Belgium, to be ambassador to Mexico, succeeding David E. Thompson of Nebraska, who retires; William J. Calhoun of Chicago to be minister to China, the post being now vacant; Charles Page Bryant of Chicago, now minister to Portugal, to be minister to Belgium, succeeding Mr. Wilson; John B. Jackson of Newark, N. J., now minister to Persia, to be minister to Cuba, succeeding Edwin V. Morgan of New York, who retires. The choice of Mr. Kerens to be ambassador at Vienna ends a long fight in which various influences have changed position a number of times. Senator Warner, the republican majority from Missouri in the senate, has been supporting the nomination, which recalls the fact that Kerens was a vigorous candidate for the senatorship when Warner was elected.

Henry landed repeatedly on Seiger's jaw, but there was not sufficient steam in the blows. Both boys blocked effectively throughout the contest.

BOUNTS AT BEDFORD A. C.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Bedford A. C. of Brooklyn reopened last night with an all-star show. Young Joe Coster knocked out Young Grant in one round of what was scheduled for a six round bout. Young Monday and Young Bolt went four fast rounds to a draw, and Young O'Connor stopped Tommy Shea in two rounds.

O'BRIEN AND KAUFFMANN

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Harry Edwards, treasurer of the National A. C., succeeded yesterday in bringing Jack O'Brien of this city and Al Kauffmann, the California heavyweight, together and getting them to sign for a match at the National A. C. on Jan. 13.

FINISH EVEN

READING, Pa., Dec. 21.—Young Nichole of Philadelphia and Leo Houck of Lancaster went 10 rounds before the Reading A. C. last night. Houck had all the better of the infighting and did much of the leading with a left jab which worried his opponent. Nichole was too rugged, however, for the Lancaster man to damage him much, and he landed some hard swings in the face and body. It was a good draw.

KAUFFMANN OUTPOSTS MALONE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Benny Kauffmann stopped the winning streak of Mike Malone by outpointing the Kensington boy in a six round bout at the West End A. C. last night. Kauffmann had the better of every round but one.

CHILDREN

In disorders and diseases of children drugs seldom do good and often do harm. Careful feeding and bathing are the babies' remedies.

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SECRETARY KNOX GETS MORTGAGE

Was Attacked by Andrew Carnegie In Order to Aid Girls' Strike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—When Andrew Carnegie, "the angel of peace," rose at a recent dinner at Washington, facing Secretary Knox, and criticized the conduct of the state department in Central America, he forgot all about the chip that the "big little man" carries all the time on his shoulder. Secretary Knox was not on the program for remarks, but he made them, interrupting Mr. Carnegie in heated fashion.

At the close of Mr. Carnegie's address at the Root, ex-secretary of state and the author of the Root peace compact in Central America, Mr. Carnegie eulogized the work for peace of Mr. Root and then began to compare it with the "shotgun diplomacy" of Mr. Knox. In a moment the belligerent present secretary of state was on his feet, leaning across the table and telling Mr. Carnegie that he thought his criticism an unwarranted butting into the affairs of state, of which he knew nothing.

Mr. Carnegie steered away from the shoals, but later in his speech ran on them again, and again Mr. Knox interrupted and called him down.

The affair was discussed around Washington dinner tables until it became public. The colloquy occurred at the dinner given by John Barrett, director of the bureau of American republics, to diplomatic representatives from the South and Central American countries. Secretary Knox and Mr. Carnegie were guests of honor.

BILLERICA

The annual Christmas whist tournament, which has been in progress at the Billerica Republican club for the past two weeks, came to a close last night. Twenty-four members of the club took part in the contest, the following being the winners of the trophies: D. J. Macdonald 188, J. T. Whitehead 183, J. Garner 183, A. C. Smith 180, L. Dorison 178, L. D. Butters 175, C. W. Mortenson 175.

Others who took part were: R. W. Buckley 181, Fred Brown 154, F. Butler 161, William Chambers 165, George Chambers 155, A. Dawson 149, H. B. Ellis 130, William Higson 159, Joseph Higson 163, William McBride 144, C. E. Manning 166, Chesley Nickerson 165, D. C. Norcross 168, H. T. Perry 155, H. Perry 170, E. F. Twombly 155, John J. Whitehead 157.

with her wealth. Her earnestness in the cause of these girls was shown when she went to the night court and signed bail for three young women who had been arrested for acting as strike pickets. Mrs. Belmont gave her \$400,000 residence as security for the bond. She said the house had a \$10,000 mortgage on it and that she borrowed the money to help the strikers.



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LOSS IS \$15,000 NURSE WAS SHOT

Wagon Co.'s Plant Destroyed by Fire In a Battle With a Madman

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 21.—The plant of the Woonsocket Wagon Manufacturing company, consisting of a three story wooden building and a two-story storage shed, was practically destroyed by a fire which broke out in the forge room late last night. The damage amounted to \$15,000 and is covered by insurance.

SALVATION ARMY

WORKING HARD FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNERS

It has already been stated in these columns that the Salvation Army hopes to give Christmas dinners in baskets to 150 families, and we have been asked to report that the Salvation Army will give a real good Christmas dinner, uncooked, and put up in a basket, at the army's headquarters, 32 Jackson street, on Christmas eve.

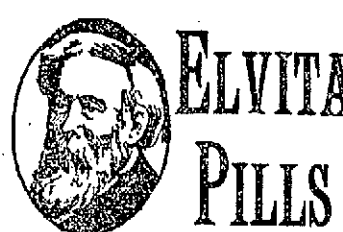
Red tickets have been given to the principal members in each one of the 150 families. These tickets cannot be counterfeited, and the holder of each ticket will receive his particular basket shortly after 7 o'clock next Friday night. The doors to the hall will be opened at 7 o'clock.

On the following Friday night, New Year's night, Jan. 1, there will be another big time at the quarters. Two Christmas trees will be decked with presents, toys, candies, etc. More desirable than anything else will be bundles of clothing for the little children. Stockings and mittens for them are earnestly desired. Treasurer Wm. E. Hall of the Shaw Stocking Co. wrote to Adjutant Hawkins yesterday that he would forward a number of pairs of stockings. Adjutant Hawkins and Mrs. Hawkins spent a large part of yesterday in visiting the managers of the big stores here, to see if they would give some of their nicked and chipped toys and such like things.

EPIDEMIC OF MUMPS

DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 21.—Trinity college closed yesterday prematurely for the holidays, on account of an epidemic of mumps which broke out in its preparatory department last week. It was feared that the epidemic might spread through the city.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—When a whole family turned and ran in panic last night from a maniac, who raved in the delirium of typhoid fever and flourished a revolver, Mary R. Brown, a trained nurse, 27 years old, and slight of stature, battled alone with the madman for her life and almost lost it. But before she dropped with a bullet wound in her breast, she wrenched the weapon from the lunatic and made his capture simple. She has a fighting chance for life.

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SECRETARY BALLINGER

Tells the President He Insists on An Investigation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Taft yielded yesterday to the demands of both Secretary Ballinger and his critics for a public investigation of the whole subject-matter underlying the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

Mr. Ballinger served upon the president yesterday virtually an ultimatum that such an investigation was the price of his remaining in the cabinet. He made it clear to the president that he was no longer willing to sit silent in his office in the interior department and wait for the thing to "blow over."

Mr. Taft, it is said, reluctantly admitted his disappointment that the country at large would not accept as final his own vindication of Mr. Ballinger in his dismissal of the charges brought before him against the secretary of the interior by L. R. Glavis, the former special agent of the land office, and his conclusion that the investigation demanded by both sides in this matter was inevitable.

Mr. Ballinger's attitude in this matter has the support of leading republicans in both branches of congress—senators and representatives who felt that, entirely apart from the merits of the dispute itself—a fostering sore of this character must poison the whole system of the party in power, and that it is high time to resort to the lance. These leaders, determined that a cleansing of this wound is necessary, have never hesitated to go to the White House and impress their views upon Mr. Taft.

Conferences of a confidential character, in which members of the cabinet, party leaders in both houses of congress, and the president himself, have participated, during the past few days, culminated yesterday when Mr. Ballinger, Attorney-General Wickham and Postmaster General Hitchcock went to the White House, where the matter was laid before the president.

Today is cabinet day. There can be little doubt that this will be one of the important subjects of that meeting. Several things have served to bring the matter to a head. The speech of

Representative Hitchcock, a democrat of Nebraska, in the house a few days ago, demanding action upon his resolution providing for an investigation of the land office, was a factor. Mr. Ballinger, it is said, feared that this resolution might be laid upon the table by the republican majority and that such action would be construed by his enemies as an effort by the administration to "whitewash" him.

Four important aspects of the situation are taken into consideration by the party leaders.

First, the possible effect upon the future of the republican party and of the Taft administration; second, the possibility of the controversy between Ballinger and Pinchot becoming a bitter and dangerous party legislation; third, the existing practical standstill of the whole policy of conservation of natural resources, and, lastly, the desire to do justice to the cabinet officer whose personal and official integrity has been assailed.

Mr. Ballinger is impatient of delay and is said to have urged that a resolution providing for a congressional investigation be presented in the senate today. It is understood that he has been overruled on that point and that the exceedingly complex task of determining the form of the inquiry will be threshed out between now and the reconvening of congress on January 4th. This whole subject has been one of heated discussion among members of both houses of congress and it is not unlikely that the investigation will at length be put in the hands of a joint special committee.

One thing appears certain—the investigation, whoever makes it, must be relentless and everybody seems agreed that it must be absolutely public; it is admitted that anything in the nature of "star chamber" proceedings would satisfy nobody.

RAISED \$72,000

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 21.—The close of the ten days' campaign for a new Y. M. C. A. building in this city last night found subscriptions of \$72,000 reported, \$3000 less than the amount sought. It is believed, however, that delayed subscriptions will make up the deficit.

T. J. LYNCH, VETERAN UMPIRE, HEAD OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

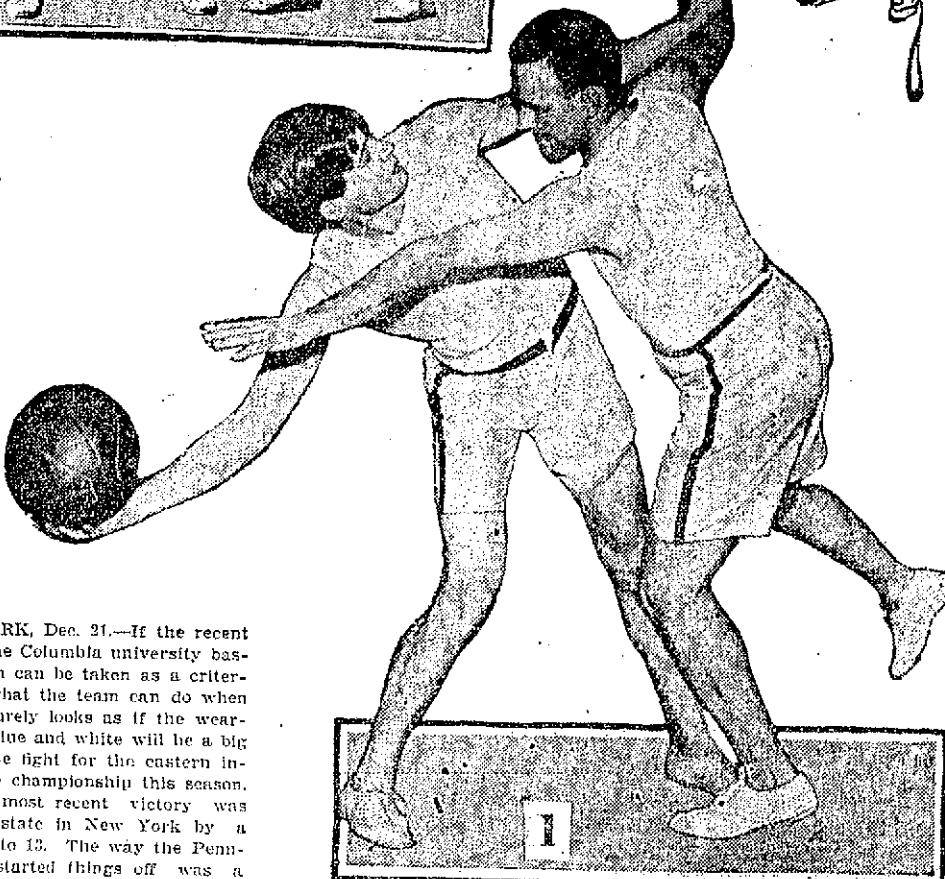
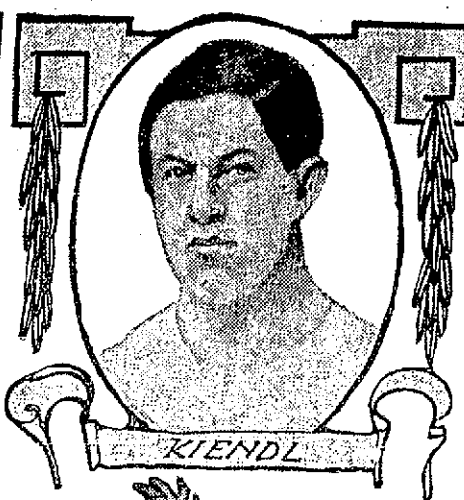
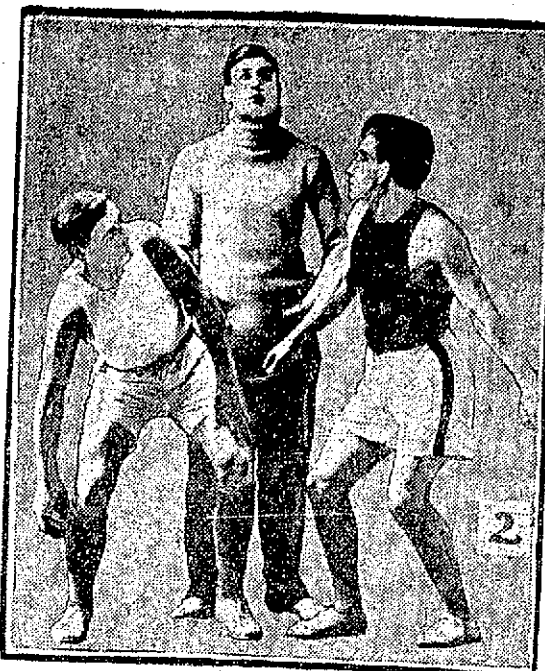


NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Nearly all year in 1892, but went back the next old timers remember when Thomas J. Lynch, in the spring of 1895 Lynch was taken to the Polo grounds, Lynch, the new president of the National League, was an umpire. Into a row, Lynch fined them \$100. He was one of the best in the business. Andy Freedman, then the president, too, for he ran the game right. Lynch called Lynch a robber and several started as an umpire in the Eastern, other names. There and then Lynch league, then went to the New England gulf the business. The league upheld him in the fines, but he refused to take league and was called to the National up the indicator again. He has since league in 1896. He dropped out for a been in the theatrical business.

CONSTABLE'S SALE

Lowell, Dec. 13, A. D. 1909.
Taken on meane process and will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the contents of a first-class grocery and provision store. The stock consists of provisions, canned and bottled goods of all kinds, spices, sugar, tea, coffee, sugar, vinegar, molasses, pickles, flour, etc. Large ice refrigerator, platform scales, hanging scales, computing scales, meat bench, marble top block, griddle stone, awning, etc. The above property being in good condition. The sale of the above property will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1909, at 1022 Gorham street, Lowell, at 2 o'clock P. M. Terms, cash. Take Gorham street car; get off at Maple street.
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Constable of Lowell.

CAPTAIN OF COLUMBIA'S STRONG BASKET-BALL TEAM AND SCENES IN GAME



NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—If the recent games of the Columbia university basketball team can be taken as a criterion as to what the team can do when forced, it surely looks as if the wearers of the blue and white will be a big factor in the fight for the eastern intercollegiate championship this season. Columbia's most recent victory was over Penn state in New York by a score of 19 to 13. The way the Pennsylvanians started things off was a surprise to the Columbians, and the visitors had an advantage before the game was under way two minutes. It took the Blue and White players the greater part of the first half to get their bearings, and when the game was half over they had overtaken the State five and led by three points. The team play of the Pennsylvanians was almost faultless and they passed the ball with great speed. For the first ten minutes it was all the Blue and White five could do to hold down the score, for there was a rapid fire directed at the Columbia basket. Later the Blue

and White players stiffened up their offensive work, and during the entire second half most of the play was in State's end of the court. Captain Kiendl played a splendid game for Columbia and scored six goals from the field and one on a full throw after a foul. Columbia's lineup at present is: Kiendl, left forward; Mendelsohn, right forward; Mahon, center; Lee, left guard; Schnapp, right guard. Columbia's schedule for the season is as follows: Jan. 7, Princeton at New York;

Jan. 11, Aluma at New York; Jan. 15, Princeton at Princeton; Jan. 18, Wesleyan at New York; Feb. 5, Yale at New York; Feb. 12, Penn at New York; Feb. 15, Yale at New Haven; Feb. 26, Penn at Philadelphia. Illustration No. 1 shows Columbia forward attempting to block opponent's long throw during heated contest with Penn State. No. 2 shows referees ready to put ball into play. Players about to make leap to secure ball for their teams.

DR. JOSE MADRIZ

Has Been Chosen President of Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Dec. 21.—Dr. Jose Madriz, former judge of the Central American court of justice at Carthage and Zelaya's candidate, was elected president of Nicaragua yesterday by the unanimous vote of congress. The

session was a stormy one, but there seemed to be perfect unanimity with regard to the election of Madriz, and when the official announcement was made there were vociferous cheering and cries of "Viva Madriz," "Viva Leon," "Down with monopolies; Down with tyranny. Long live the constitution!"

Dr. Madriz assumed the presidency at 10 o'clock this morning. From the balcony of his hotel he made a brief speech, urging harmony and co-operation, and pledged himself to grant free elections and establish a policy of equal opportunity for all.

At the afternoon session congress accepted the resignation of Dr. Madriz as judge of the Central American court; accepted the resignation of Zelaya, and formulated an address of thanks to Zelaya for his services to Nicaragua.

Zelaya still exercises a strong power here, and while it was brought to his notice that Madriz is not looked upon with favor by the government of the United States, he urged him to the front as his successor in office.

It is known to both Zelaya and Madriz that General Estrada, the leader of the revolutionists, who are ready to fight the government forces at Rama, is strongly opposed to the new president, for it is well understood that Estrada himself aspires to all the presidential chair.

MURDER CHARGE

Against Sec'y of the Chinese Masons

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Tong King Chong, editor and publisher of the Chinese Free Press, and secretary of the Chinese Masons, was arrested here yesterday, charged with murder in connection with the feud between the Yee family and the On Yick Tong.

Tong has been in hiding nearly two months. Eight murders have been committed during the reign of terror brought on by the warring factions.

EXCITING SCENE

In Greek Chamber of Deputies

ATHENS, Dec. 21.—An exciting scene in the chamber of deputies yesterday seems likely to provoke another political crisis. The minister of war, Col. Lapathiotis, in submitting the new army reorganization bill, violently attacked the administration of ex-Premier Theodoris, who also held the portfolio of minister of war. His tenure of office, Col. Lapathiotis asserted, and left the army in ruins.

The supporters of ex-Premier Theodoris protested and left the chamber. M. Rallis, also an ex-premier, joined the protestants and left the house. The sitting was suspended in disorder.

MOB OUTBREAK

IS FEARED AT SUMNER BECAUSE OF SHOOTING

SUMNER, Miss., Dec. 21.—Deputy Sheriff Frank Chambers was shot and killed at Black Bayou yesterday by Aaron McCoy, one of two negro prisoners, who were handcuffed together. McCoy was shot to death by a citizen, Henry Wells, the other prisoner, was hurried to jail and last night secretly taken to another town to prevent a lynching. Negroes are terrorized in Black Bayou and a mob outbreak is thought not improbable.

PRESENTED A WATCH

Joseph Garmon 40 Years in Employ of J. C. Ayer Co.

Joseph A. Garmon, foreman of the factory department of the J. C. Ayer company, will have completed 40 years of service with that company Thursday.

Yesterday at 2:30 o'clock Mr. Garmon, in the presence of the employees of the establishment, was presented by the company a handsome gold watch, chain and gold knife as a token of the appreciation of his services.

The presentation speech was made by Dr. Charles H. Stowell, treasurer and manager of the J. C. Ayer company, and during the course of his speech he was loud in praise of the efficient and painstaking manner in which Mr. Garmon had worked in the interest of the company during his many years of employment.

He mentioned the fact that several months ago Mr. Garmon informed him that he was about to retire from active work as he felt he had earned a rest. When Dr. Stowell was apprised of the fact that Mr. Garmon would round out the 40th milestone in the employ of the company on the 23d of this month he persuaded Mr. Garmon to stay until the present time.

During his many years of service Mr. Garmon displayed his efficiency and interest in the company in no small measure while he had charge of the Canadian and Mexican business of the J. C. Ayer company. Dr. Stowell spoke of the remarkable work the veteran employee had done during the many years he was handling the foreign trade and at the conclusion of his speech presented Mr. Garmon the watch, chain and knife on behalf of the company.

Mr. Garmon though taken entirely by surprise managed to respond in an appropriate speech after which the

employees were given an opportunity to inspect the presents and also to shake hands with the recipient.

The watch presented Mr. Garmon is a handsome 18 jeweled gold timepiece, the inscription on the inner case being as follows:

"To Joseph A. Garmon, Lowell, Mass., in grateful remembrance of 40 years of faithful service. J. C. Ayer Company, Christmas, 1909."

The chain is a solid gold one and the knife which is attached to one end of the chain has a gold handle while the blades are of the finest steel. On the knife handle are inscribed his initials.

Mr. Garmon was born in Lexington, Mass., but has spent the greater part of his life in this city, where he has made hosts of friends.

He was for 18 years in charge of the J. C. Ayer company's business in Canada and for 12 years he performed a similar service in Mexico. While in charge of the work he spent about three months of the year in Canada and about the same length of time in Mexico and was instrumental in greatly increasing the company's business.

He spent five years and seven months in the service of the United States navy and considers it an honor that he fought under Admiral George Dewey (then Lieut. Dewey) and also that he is a personal friend of the admiral at the present time.

Mr. Garmon was with Dewey when the frigate Mississippi was lost under Port Hudson, Mr. Garmon leaving in the last boat with Lieut. Dewey.

About five years ago he met Admiral Dewey at the Hotel Wentworth in Newmarket, N. H., and spent several very pleasant hours with the noted naval fighter.

ESTATE WORTH \$1,624,330

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The estate of the late Consuelo, dowager Duchess of Manchester, is valued for probate at \$1,624,330. After making provision for her grandson the Viscount Mandeville and the younger children of the Duke of Manchester, the residue of the property was left in trust for the duke during his life and then for the successor to the title.

The dowager duchess bequeathed a ruby and diamond bracelet to Queen Alexandra "as a token of my respectful affection."

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals receives \$5000. The testator before her marriage to the eighth Duke of Manchester was Miss Consuelo Yznaga of New York.

NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Taft sent to the senate yesterday the nominations of the following U. S. district attorneys:

Joseph Morrison for the territory of Arizona.
Robert Derlin for the northern district of California.
Marion Erwin for the southern district of Georgia.
William Trautmann for the eastern district of Illinois.
William Norcott for the southern district of Illinois.
Robert Whitehouse for Maine.
Asa P. French for Massachusetts.
Arba Van Valkenberg for the western district of Missouri.
E. S. Cochrane for South Carolina.

The president also sent in the nominations of the following United States marshals:

Pope M. Long for the northern district of Alabama.
W. H. Johnson for the northern district of Georgia.
C. P. Hitch, eastern district of Illinois.
W. Henkel, southern district of New York.
Creighton Formker for New Mexico.

JOE THOMAS WON

In Bout With Klaus at Philadelphia

Joe Thomas fought Klaus, the western middleweight, six rounds at Philadelphia Saturday night and had the best of the battle all the way. Joe showed his old time form and his friends are confident that he can do something with Ketchel when they meet. Klaus fights Porkey Flynn at the Armory club in Boston this evening.

FUNERALS

GRIFFIN.—The funeral of the late John J. Griffin took place yesterday from his home in Chapel street and was largely attended. The remains were taken to St. Peter's church where high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. John J. Burns. The choir under the direction of James E. Donnelly rendered the Gregorian chant. At the cemetery "O Meritum Passionis" was sung by Miss Mary E. Whiteley. After the elevation, "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Mr. Donnelly and as the remains were being borne from the church "In Paradisum" was sung. Mrs. Josephine Kennedy presided at the organ. Present at the service was a delegation from the Bricklayers' Union consisting of Robert Church, James Connors, Thomas Burns and Alex. Ray. The bearers were Dr. Joseph T. Brennan, Messrs. William F. O'Neill, William F. McCarthy, Frank J. Warren, Harry Costello and William Sheehan, the last three representing the Bricklayers' union. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery where Rev. Fr. Burns officiated at the grave. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Dr. Joseph T. Brennan and the interment in charge of Thomas J. McDermott. Among the beautiful floral tributes laid upon the grave were: Large pillow inscribed "Husband" from the bereaved wife; large pillow with ribbon inscribed "Papa" from the children of deceased; large crescent on base with star on top with the inscription "Godfather," from Miss Margaret Judd; large standing cross on base, sympathy of Mr. J. T. McCarthy; large standing wreath on base, sympathy of Mr. Jeremiah McGlinchey and family; spray of plinks and roses, sympathy of Mrs. E. J. Warren, large wreath of plinks, roses and chrysanthemums with ribbon inscribed "My Chum," sympathy of Mr. William O'Neill; wreath of plinks, chrysanthemums and galax leaves from the neighbors; large spray of plinks and roses, sympathy of Miss Minnie Connolly; large standing wreath on base with ribbon inscribed "R. M. L. U.," from the Bricklayers' union.

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EVANS ESTATE SALOONS CLOSEDIs Valued at \$7,000,000
by Assessors

BEVERLY, Dec. 21.—The assessors decided yesterday to levy an additional assessment of \$2,000,000 on the estate of Robert D. Evans of Dawson hall, Burgess point, Beverly cove. The addition makes a total assessment of \$7,000,000, which will cause to be paid into the city treasury by the Evans family this year more than \$100,000 in taxes.

Mr. Evans was taxed up to this year, for \$10,000 worth of personal property, but after his death, when it became known that he was worth many times that amount, the assessors made the personal figures \$5,000,000.

When the inventory was filed with the state commissioners which showed the estate was worth \$10,000,000 in personal property, the assessors raised the levy \$2,000,000, which will give the city nearly \$33,000 it did not figure on having this year.

Brewers Would Not
Deliver Beer

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—Confirming to the avowed policy of helping the anti-saloon league enforce the liquor laws the brewers of the state are closing many saloons by refusing to sell beer to them. All the saloons on the line between Veederburg and the dry counties surrounding it have been closed by this action of the Evansville brewers who say they will not sell any saloon keepers whose patronage comes from counties in which the people have voted "dry."

TOBACCO CASETo be Taken Up by the
Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—After announcing a number of decisions and hearing the usual Monday quota of motions, the U. S. supreme court took a recess for two weeks yesterday.

It is expected that when the court reconvenes on the 3d of January one of the seats now vacant will be occupied by Judge Lurton, who was confirmed yesterday by the senate as the successor of Justice Peckham.

Even then the bench will not be full, for Justice Moody will be absent on account of illness. Mr. Moody is not expected until later in the season.

Justice Moody has been suffering from an aggravated attack of rheumatism. Immediately after reconvening the court will take up the tobacco trust case, and it is expected that the Standard oil case will be reached early in the spring.

TWICE ARRESTEDDERRY MAN BAILED HIMSELF
OUT AND WAS TAKEN IN AGAIN

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Thomas Lyons of Derry, N. H., had the distinction of being arrested twice for drunkenness within a short period yesterday by the police of division 4. He came to Boston yesterday and went over to South Boston to visit a cousin. He had \$115 with him and had a good time.

He was under the influence of liquor, it is alleged, when taken in charge by an officer and locked up in station 4. At 7:40 last evening he bailed himself out and was given \$3 by Lieut. Goodwin, the officer keeping the balance of his money.

In little more than half an hour Lieut. Goodwin was surprised when Lyons was brought in once more, ap-

parently under the influence of liquor. He said he had tried to brace up, but admitted that he must have taken too much of a bracer. When searched \$2.80 out of the \$3 given him was found on him.

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D. S. O'Brien Co.The Smart Clothes Shop
222 MERRIMACK STREET.**THE SNEAD CASE**The Prosecutor Expects
Three Indictments

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"I believe I have evidence enough to obtain three indictments," was Prosecutor Mott's declaration today when marshaling his witnesses for the presentation of the facts concerning Mrs. Okey Snead's death to the grand jury in Essex county, N. J.

Mr. Mott said that he had evidence not only to connect Miss Virginia Wardlaw, maiden aunt of the victim, with the crime, but to establish the presence of Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, the young woman's mother, on the scene of the tragedy shortly before its discovery.

POSTMASTERSMay Have Large Fees
Returned to Them

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Concerted action by a number of senators in introducing resolutions calling for information relative to amounts derived from the rental of postoffice boxes and registration fees between the years 1865 and 1875 has aroused considerable interest.

Inquiry developed the fact that during these years postmasters in nearly every state turned these fees into the treasury, but that there had been a ruling since that time that these fees should be kept by the postmasters in lieu of salary.

A claim by one postmaster in the state of Washington for \$600 started the flood of resolutions, and it is the intention of the claimants to try to have congress enact an omnibus measure to refund to all postmasters the amounts paid to the government during that period.

LIQUOR STOLENIt Was Taken Away by
Tramps

GARDINER, Me., Dec. 21.—It was discovered yesterday that a party of 10 tramps, who were in the lockup over Sunday night, had stolen part of the liquor seized by officers. Five of the tramps had taken their departure at 6 in the morning and the others had remained in the cell.

In one cell was a barrel containing 175 pints of whiskey and some bottles were piled up in the rear of the cell.

The tramps used a long handled shovel to get the bottles. A keg of whiskey was also stored in the cell and they reached that by rolling it to the door and boring a hole through the bung.

The five helped themselves to what they wanted and evidently treated those in the cells who were not able to get out. About 46 of the half pints are missing.

CAR STRANDEDMen Were Trying to
Reach Jail

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—One hundred and fifty employees of the East St. Louis & Suburban Railway Co. early today seized a trolley car and started for the county jail at Belleville, 15 miles away, where Willie Clark, alleged slayer of a street car motorman, is held under guard. The men ran the car three miles toward Belleville. Then the power on the Belleville line was shut off by General Manager Hewett and the car left stranded.

SCHOONER GROUND

VINEYARD HAVEN, Dec. 21.—The six masted schooner Mertie B. Crowley is not ashore on Tuckernuck shoal as it was at first reported, but is aground on a lump half way between Half Moon shoal and the buoy marking the end of Tuckernuck. The big vessel is not damaged and makes no water. The revenue cutter Acushnet pulled on her last night unsuccessfully and continued to stand by the schooner today to assist the tugs Underwriter and Mercury, which went out today to float the Crowley. Captain Haskell of the Crowley says that about 5 p. m. Sunday, while proceeding eastward with a northwest wind his vessel was kept off slightly to clear a four masted schooner which was working westward and ran on the sand.

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NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 21.—Rev. Geo. Park Fisher, D. D., LL. D., professor of ecclesiastical history at Yale, died suddenly last night at the sanatorium of Dr. J. L. Russell in Litchfield, from hemorrhage of the brain.

Prof. Fisher was born in Wrentham, Mass., Aug. 10, 1827. He was graduated from Brown university in 1851, and Andover Theological seminary in 1851. From 1854 to 1861 he was Livingston professor of divinity in Yale college. He resigned this to be made professor of ecclesiastical history. In

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Choose Wednesday, and while they last, at per box of six, 75c

Less than box quantities will be sold only at the regular price of 25c each

Belt Prices Cut in Two

FOR WEDNESDAY

'Twould almost be impossible for us to relate the many complimentary remarks about our pretty belts so reasonably priced. Be that as it may, they have not sold lively enough to suit us, but now they've got to go, and go they will quickly for Christmas presents. Nothing out, simply too many, and we are going to take our medicine cheerfully.

Choice of our entire line of Dollar Belts **59c**
Each and everyone in pretty fancy box.

Thursday Morning, Dec. 23

Christmas Neckwear

At January Prices

If any buyer knew in advance the exact quantities and styles they could dispose of profitably at each of the various seasons they would soon earn the reputation of a "Wizard." We are probably as near the "Wizard" class as any, but we blunder just the same, and blunders are costly when it comes to neckwear. The following are very much underpriced, but just because we've too many.

Stock with Jabots, Silks, lace trimmed collars,
Banded Silk Stocks and many other lots, all fresh
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LOSS IS HEAVYFire Broke Out in Cloak
Store

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 21.—Fire originating last night in the basement of the Slegle Co.'s cloak store in this city resulted in probable losses aggregating \$100,000 and \$10,000 in the heart of the downtown shopping district.

MISS MARSHALLTried to Commit Suicide
at Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 21.—It was positively learned here today that the young woman now hovering between life and death at St. Vincent's hospital as the result of an attempt to end her life by drinking laudanum and shooting herself through the head three times while a guest at the Queen Ann cottage at Virginia beach last Wednesday is Miss Marguerite Marshall, up to two weeks ago a member of the staff of a New York newspaper.

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later life he was elected and remained dean of the Yale Divinity school until his health gave out and he was obliged to go to Litchfield. He leaves a son and daughter.

BIG PRICES

WAREHAM, Dec. 21.—Half a hundred freight cars will be required this

week to remove the "fixin's" for the Christmas dinner from the Cape Cod cranberry belt to other parts of the country. The annual holiday rush is now in full swing and the growers are hurrying to have their product arrive at the markets in season. The Christmas demand for the berries has had its usual buoyant effect on the prices and as high as \$6.50 and \$7 a barrel is offered in New York.

Chicago

A Chicago newspaper offered a prize for the correct answer to the question: "Which is the most famous train in the world?"

25,000 replies were received—of this number 28,750 answered:

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MERRIMACK SQUARE.

THREE LIVES LOST

Department Store in London Was Destroyed By Fire

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A disastrous fire, involving so far as has been ascertained the loss of three lives and the destruction of the big drapery store of Arding & Hobbs at Clapham, a southwestern quarter of London, occurred yesterday.

The fire was due, it is believed, to the breaking of an electric bulb, which started a blaze among celluloid articles beneath.

It occurred about 4.30 p. m. when the store, covering an acre of ground and having five floors and 100 departments, was crowded with Christmas customers. In a little more than an hour the building was a mass of ruins. The damage is estimated in the vicinity of \$2,500,000.

All the customers made their way in safety out of the store and there was very little panic.

The progress of the flames, assisted by the Christmas decorations and festoons, was so rapid that some of the employees were caught on the upper floors. Two men took a couple of girls to one of the windows.

One of the girls descended the fire escape in safety. While the second was trying to reach the ground the ladder took fire. The girl fell and was killed. The two men then jumped and were also killed.

John Burns, president of the local government board, was early on the scene and assisted in directing the firemen's operations with a sack over his shoulders to protect him from the water.

Many persons were assisted from the windows by the firemen, and sev-

eral of the employees were seriously injured, a few possibly fatally. At midnight, it was still impossible to search the ruins, and none of the employees are still unaccounted for.

Mrs. Burns remained at the scene for three hours, and then attended a meeting of the electors of Battersea, with his hand done up in bandages, his clothes saturated with water and his face begrimed with smoke. He related his experience, and asked the meeting to excuse him from making a speech. The audience, after standing uncovered as a mark of condolence for the victims of the fire, dispersed with cheers for "Honest John."

WHITES ARMED

Nearly Every Negro Has Left Magnolia

MAGNOLIA, Ala., Dec. 21.—Magnolia is quiet, after a day of intense excitement with much bitter feeling manifested between whites and blacks. A company of militia was ordered here last night. Ernest Stale, one of four white men shot by Clinton Montgomery, a desperate negro, is fatally wounded. His death, expected at any time, may cause the flame of race hatred to burst forth anew.

Clinton Montgomery's charred body lies in the ruins of a negro hut near town as a result of a visit by a mob of citizens yesterday. Brister and Shelby Montgomery, brothers of the dead negro, barely escaped lynching earlier yesterday. They were placed in the Linden jail later.

Search continued last night for William Montgomery, another of the four brothers, whose alleged murder late on Saturday night of Algernon Lewis, a young white man, caused the trouble. Nearly every negro resident left Magnolia yesterday. The whites are well armed.

Yesterday Clinton Montgomery and several other negroes were found barricaded in a house. Fearing for their lives, Montgomery's companions surrendered.

One of them was forced to set fire to the house in which Montgomery remained. When the building was enveloped in smoke, he threw up a window and opened fire.

Ernest Stale fell mortally wounded, his face and body filled with shot. Three others were also wounded, though not seriously.

Montgomery was riddled with bullets, as he was attempting to leave the house, and the corpse was consumed in the burning building.

DEATH THREATS

In Letter Sent to Richard Parr

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Threats of death by poison and by violence against Richard Parr, the special treasury agent who unearched the sugar frauds, are contained in a letter given out by him last night. The letter, received on Dec. 11, follows:

"The editor of the Sun died suddenly. Some prominent men in the customs died suddenly. You have been taken suddenly ill. Beware of poison."

(Signed) "Sugar."

Mr. Parr was indeed taken suddenly ill during the recent trial. His illness was supposed to be an affection of the nerves.

Other letters received by him, he said last night, contained threat of injury. He was told that he would be pushed off a subway platform in front of a moving train, and that he would be shot.

DIED ON WAGON

Wm. Rand Was on Way to Fire

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 21.—William E. Rand, the veteran driver of horse 2, Dover fire department, familiarly known to every Dover resident as "Billy," dropped dead while driving to a brush fire on Oak street, near Garrison hill, yesterday afternoon.

Driver Rand had driven into Oak street from Broadway and was about 300 yards from the fire, which was just over the city line in Rollinsford, when he was seen by his comrades to topple over backward, gasping for breath. John J. Brennan of horse 3, Mount Frank Smith of horse 2 and Assistant Engineer James Smith went to his assistance.

Mr. Rand died about as soon as they reached his wagon. A moment before the attack of heart failure came on, he stopped his horse. He was taken to the Wentworth hospital.

AT MEMORIAL SERVICE

At the memorial service of Lawrence Council, Knights of Columbus, held in St. Patrick's church, South Lawrence, Sunday night, Miss May B. Whiteley, the talented soprano soloist of St. Patrick's church choir, this city, rendered "Wegand's 'O Salutaris'." The sermon was preached by Rev. Father J. M. Kelly, S. J., of St. Patrick's.

TEXTILE NOTES

Interesting Items From Mill Centers

ROCKVILLE, Conn., Dec. 21.—The Rockville Worsted Co. has been organized to operate the Fitch plant, which was recently bought from Belding Bros. & Co., by Edmond Corcoran of Philadelphia. The corporation has an authorized capital stock of \$125,000 and the incorporators are Edmond Corcoran and T. M. Corcoran of Philadelphia, Frank E. Weedon of Providence, T. J. Corcoran of Warren, Mass., and A. N. Belding, T. J. Corcoran, Jr., P. B. Leonard, Jos. B. Coogan, George P. Wendheiser and Halsey L. Allen, all of Rockville. The Fitch property has been renovated, and much new and special machinery has already been installed. It is expected that the plant will be put in operation some time next month.

TO DOUBLE THREAD PLANT
ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 21.—The Star Thread mill has completed plans for

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additions, including doubling capacity. The plant is now operating 7000 ring spindles, driven by water power, on the production of cotton yarns. Mr. White, W. Y. Bryan and J. Y. Carliners are planning in this connection the construction of a water power electrical plant at Barnett Shoals on the Oconee river. The plant contemplates the construction of a dam 50 feet high for developing 4000 horse power to be transmitted by electricity for operating the Star plant and for lighting purposes.

WILL MAKE GINGHAMS
MARBLE FALLS, Tex., Dec. 21.—The Granite Manufacturing Co. will install cotton manufacturing machinery. It will have 800 looms for weaving gingham, chambrays and madras, and the contract for the entire equipment has been awarded. The power will be electricity, transmitted from the water power electrical plant of the Colorado River Power Co.

NEW HOSIERY PLANT
CLEVELAND, Tenn., Dec. 21.—The Weir Hosiery mill has been organized with C. H. Weir, president, and F. B. Mayfield, secretary and treasurer. A brick building will be erected, 50x150 feet, with a boiler and engine room addition, 50 footers, 10 loopers, one sewing machine, dyeing equipment and steam power plant. The daily output will be 20 dozen pairs of men and women's fine gauge hosiery, with 75 operatives employed. This company was incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000.

NEW TRENT VALLEY MILL
TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 21.—The Trent Valley Woolen mills, Campbellford, Ont., are completing a two story iron frame building, the top floor will be used as a weave room and will be one of the finest in the dominion.

MILL INCREASES CAPITAL
ROCK HILL, S. C., Dec. 21.—The Aragon mill has increased its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$500,000. This company now has 14,399 ring spindles and 250 broad looms, operated by electricity and producing print cloths.

COTTON MILL INCORPORATED
EMPORIA, Va., Dec. 21.—The McHerrin Cotton Mills Co. has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000 and the following officers: President, G. B. Wood; vice president, W. R. Cato; secretary, treasurer, Pattle L. Wood.

BOSTON MILL STOCKS
BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Sales of cotton mill stocks for the week: 5 Naumkeag 94 1/2-4; 10 Amoskeag at 97 1/2-2; 6 Loperell at 326-275; 7 Wamsutter at 133. 15 Merrimack common at 56; 20 Lincoln mills of Fall River at 55; Great Falls at 190-198 1/4; 10 Dartmouth at 285; 6 Newmarket at 145.

DECLARE DIVIDEND
FALL RIVER, Dec. 21.—The directors of the Tecumseh mills have declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, payable Jan. 1.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

THE COUNTESS

Denies That She Will Ask Divorce

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Countess Estelle, who was Mrs. John B. Stetson, has returned from Portugal without her husband. At her beautiful country seat, "Idro," on the York road, in Elkins park, the countess refuses to see any but her most intimate friends.

When her son, John B. Stetson, Jr., was asked if it were true that his mother contemplated a divorce, he referred the questioner to the Norristown counsellor, N. B. Larzere, and the latter denied last night that a divorce was contemplated.

The count and countess went abroad soon after the claims of Mrs. Josephine Earnest of Chicago were made public. Mrs. Earnest stated that she had lifted the count from social obscurity and was instrumental in his marrying the wealthy widow. She said that he promised to give her \$10,000 as soon as the wedding ceremony was performed.

Mrs. Earnest further alleged that she wrote endearing letters in which the count pleaded his cause. To press her claim she retained the services of Henry J. Scott of this city.

She also said the count owed her commissions for the sale of statutory rape made at which he sold while engaged as Portuguese consul in the Illinois city. The count denied to interviewers all the claims and charges.

MAN WAS KILLED

By a Leap From a Window

LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 21.—William G. Smith, a patient at the Central Maine general hospital, in the absence of his nurse yesterday, jumped from the window of his room, hoping to land on the roof of an adjoining building. Instead he fell between the two buildings, fracturing his skull and dying almost immediately.

Mr. Smith was born in Baltimore, about 60 years ago. When a boy he lived in Auburn and later in Lewiston. About 18 years ago he went to Boston to live remaining there until a few months ago.

He once served a term in Auburn jail for intoxication and wrote a series of letters to a local paper, headed "A Voice from the Tombs," and signed "The Man in the Iron Mask," which were very witty.

When he returned here he was almost in a destitute condition. He endeavored to get into the Lewiston almshouse, but could not, and later he was sent to the hospital.

So far as known he had no relatives living and unless some friends come forward to claim his body it will be sent to the Maine medical school.

FOUR PRISONERS

Were Granted Pardon From State Prison

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 21.—Four prisoners were released from state prison late yesterday by the board of pardons, which had adjourned over from last Monday, when a number of petitions remained unheeded.

The application of John Warren, convict No. 1, the Wellington wife murderer, who completed 50 years in a cell last Tuesday, was denied, but among the four released is Catherine Neill, who was convicted at Bridgeport, May 22, 1907, and sentenced to five to nine years for manslaughter.

Petite "Goldie" Neill, well known in New York, stabbed her husband, who was a blacksmith and ex-pugilist, when he attempted to drive her from a hotel at Greenwich, Conn., to earn money for him immorally. It was alleged that she used a nail file, but it has since been proven that he rushed against an umbrella which she held and the point penetrated his skull through the eye.

She will be told of her release today, and will probably be taken to the house of the Good Shepherd in this city, as the authorities do not

MISSION MONEY

APPORTIONED TO CHURCHES BY ANDOVER ASSOCIATION

The amount of money to be raised by the Congregational churches of the Andover association for the seven benevolent societies of the denomination, this year, is \$12,000, of which several thousand will be raised in Lowell, the largest apportionment being \$2393, assigned to the Kirk Street church. Under the new apportionment plan, 40 per cent. will go to foreign work and 60 per cent. for home missions.

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CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Useful gifts, above all others, should be of good quality, stylish and up-to-date and desirable in every way to serve their purpose properly. Our goods are of such a character.

The following list will surely suggest something that will please and delight "him."

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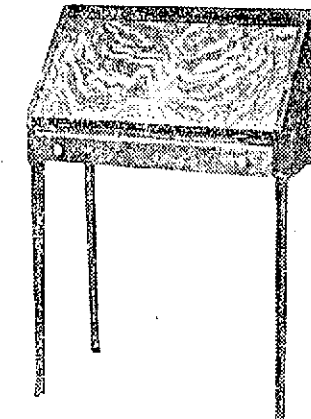
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Large, Pound Candles
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All colors; self-lighting ends
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EXTRA

"WHITE SLAVE" BILL

Was Reported Favorably to the House Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Mann "white slave" traffic bill agreed on by the house committee on inter-state and foreign commerce was favorably reported to the house today by Chairman Mann of that committee.

The report accompanying the presentation of the measure distinctly disclaims any purpose to interfere with or usurp in any way the police powers of the state and declares the provisions of the bill to be mostly based upon the

power of congress over inter-state and foreign commerce.

It says a careful examination of the constitution, the authorities and decided cases shows that the provisions dependent upon the commerce clause of the constitution are constitutional.

The bill, says the report, does not endeavor to regulate, prohibit or punish prostitution or the keeping of houses of prostitution, those being matters wholly within the powers of the states.

EXPLORER PEARY THE FIRE DEPT.

Comments on the Cook Report

Responded to Alarm From White House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—"Three months ago from the Labrador coast sounded an explicit and deliberately worded warning to the world based on complete and accurate information in regard to Cook's claim. In so doing I accepted the responsibility devolving upon me and fulfilled my duty to myself and to the world."

In these words Commander Robert E. Peary expressed his sentiments regarding the failure of the university of Copenhagen to find any proof of the discovery of the North pole by Dr. Cook.

Seated in his apartments on Columbia road, Commander Peary received an Associated Press representative who apprised him of the decision by the Danish scientists against Dr. Cook. Not so much as a faintest suspicion of a smile illuminated his stern features but his eyes lighted up with a welcome knowledge of a vindication which had come to him after difficult trials.

"I have known the outcome of this since weeks before I reached this country on my return from the pole. It was not a matter of belief with me, but of absolute knowledge."

"However, I shall not discuss the matter in detail for publication. It is not necessary."

"The warning which I sent to the country before I landed is still sufficient. You remember my cablegram from Battle Harbor? Here is the exact wording of it: 'Cook has not been to the pole April 21, 1908, or any other date. He has simply handed the public a bad lie.'"

"With this Commander Peary declined further to discuss Dr. Cook and his affairs and it was evident that he regarded the whole controversy as ended."

He declined to say whether he considered it possible for Dr. Cook to proceed further in presenting additional evidence or in submitting his data to other courts of authority.

"My friends may consider this decision a complete vindication of their attitude on this whole subject, but as for me I do not care to comment," said Mr. Peary in conclusion.

"It is time," the terse comment of one of these officials, who investigated closely the Arctic claim of Peary and Cook, was an ejaculation that expressed the feeling of practically all of the officials of the National Geographical society.

PRES. ZELAYA

SAYS MATTERS WILL TURN OUT ALL RIGHT

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—A special to the Plataney from Fort Lino, Costa Rica, says:

The following telegram has been sent to the Nicaraguan representative in San Jose by the fallen leader:

"Although there is still some unrest to be allayed, I believe the matter will eventually end satisfactorily. For the good of all and in spite of the fact that my candidate was Irias I have accepted Dr. Madriz. I have issued instructions to Gen. Vasquez to come to terms with the revolutionists so as to prevent American intervention. If they accept Madriz everything will soon be at an end; if not, I shall haul over my command to my candidate and place myself at the head of the army. At the same time I shall issue a manifesto justifying my attitude."

CIRCUS IN TOWN

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from 25c up to \$35.

Mr. Houston was for nine years during the holidays at Ellingwood's.

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THE LOWELL SUN

DR. COOK

Did Not Discover the Pole, Says Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—The University of Copenhagen, the first institution of learning to recognize Dr. Frederick A. Cook as the discoverer of the North pole, today solemnly declared that the explorer had failed to establish the claim upon which his high honors had been based.

The committee appointed by the university to examine Cook's records recently presented its report to the consistory of the university, which reviewed the deductions of the expert with the greatest care and discussed the findings from every standpoint. That both the committee and the consistory were disappointed was soon known.

This morning the consistory met and adopted a written report to the effect that the alleged records submitted for examination by Dr. Cook failed to prove his claim that he had reached the North pole. The report of the committee of which Prof. Stromgren

was chairman, as presented to the consistory, stated that Cook's papers are without any value; that his report to the university is practically the same as that published in the New York Herald upon his return from his Arctic expedition. The copies of his notebooks submitted, says the committee, contain no original calculations of observations but only results thereof. Accordingly, the committee concludes that he affords no proof of having reached the pole.

The committee chosen to represent the University of Copenhagen in the examination of Dr. Cook's claim was composed as follows:

Professor Ellis Stromgren, director of the astronomical observatory; Dr. C. F. Prehm, astronomer attached to the observatory; Gustav Heim, explorer; Professor A. B. Jensen, president of the school of navigation; Dr. Ruyder, director of the meteorological office, and Dr. F. A. Engstrom, director of

Lund observatory.

The document handed the committee of the University of Copenhagen for examination are:

First, a typewritten report prepared by Cook's secretary, Walter Lonsdale, and covering 61 pages of foolscap.

Second, a typewritten copy made by Lonsdale from Cook's notebooks. This occupies 16 pages of foolscap and includes a description of the expedition during the period from March 18, 1908, to June 18, 1908, during which, according to the statement, Cook journeyed from Svalbard to the North pole and returned to a point on the polar ice not specifically indicated but west of the Axel Heiberg land.

The papers were not accompanied by a private letter from Cook but Secretary Lonsdale stated verbally to the committee that the original notes and books of the explorer from which his copies were made had been sent to Europe by another route as a precaution.

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THE RECOUNT

The Mayor Gains a Few Votes More in Ward Four

The recount that was ushered in yesterday morning was resumed at 9.50 this forenoon when ward three was tackled. The recount is being held in the public hearing room at city hall and only a very few spectators have appeared since it was begun.

Harmony reigned supreme yesterday. Of course there are always a few "bustlers" who want to have their say about things that do not concern them.

Two or three outsiders stuck in their ears yesterday and when the recount was resumed today, Lawyer Curtin, representing Mayor-elect Meehan, suggested to the chairman of the board of registrars that only the mayor or his representative or Mr. Meehan's representative be heard in any discussion concerning the votes for mayor.

The registrars adjourned at 9.50 o'clock last night and up to that time wards 1, 1 and 2 were counted.

The mayor's total gain in these three wards was seven, and Owen Brenner, who petitioned for the aldermanic recount, made a gain of nine votes. Mr. Brenner had 21 votes to overcome. He was defeated for ninth place by Harvey B. Greene.

All but one of the votes lost by Mr. Meehan yesterday were lost by voters marking under the line. It was undoubtedly the intention of the men who marked under the line to vote for Mr. Meehan, but intentions and election laws are two different things. The other vote lost by Mr. Meehan belonged in the blank column.

Another case of a voter living up, literally, to the instructions on the ballot appeared in one of the early blocks of ward three. Where the ballot said "mark one," meaning vote for mayor, he made the figure 1; when it came to the aldermen he used the figure 1 instead of the cross, and in voting for common council aspirants he used the figure 3. Mistakes of this nature, so far, have been made by republicans.

The ballot is good, however, even if improperly marked to the extent of using a figure instead of a cross.

Ward three recount did not result in any changes.

Ward four recount was finished about 3.15 and gave the mayor a net gain of six votes making for him, a total net gain of 13 votes in the three wards that have been counted, namely wards 1, 1, 2, 3 and 4. Owen Brenner lost one today and now his net gain is 8 instead of 9.

It was stated this afternoon that the mayor would ask for a certified copy of the check list. This will be asked

for presumably for the purpose of comparing the number of names on the check lists with the number of ballots cast.

PINCHOT DECLINES
CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 21.—Gifford Pinchot, who arrived here today to deliver a lecture before the chamber of commerce tonight, declined to discuss the request of Secretary Ballinger for an investigation of the charges made by L. R. Glavis.

THE WARREN ESTATE
BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The adjustment of the estate of the late S. D. Warren, the paper manufacturer, of which S. D. Warren and F. F. Warren of this city are trustees, will be placed in the hands of a master, pending which Judge Hammond in the supreme court today dissolved the temporary injunction granted to E. P. Warren of Gorham, Me., who sought to restrain S. D. Warren from appointing two other trustees. The amount involved in the case is several million dollars.

INTERSTATE LEGISLATION
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The opening gun of the campaign in congress for general interstate commerce legislation was fired today by the house committee on inter-state and foreign commerce which gave notice of its adoption of an order setting hearings for January 18 next and daily thereafter.

It is expected that the president's message urging reform in the interstate commerce law will be formulated during the Christmas holidays and be in shape for transmission to congress shortly after the two houses reconvene in January.

Mr. Mann already has framed a bill embodying his views as to the proposed legislation.

REP. DALZELL PRESIDED
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The house was in session but ten minutes today and adjourned until Jan. 4. In addition to routine practically the only business undertaken was the designation of Rep. Dalzell of Pennsylvania as presiding officer for the day in the absence of Speaker Cannon.

William M. Clark, of Andover street, city, who is a stenographer employed by the U. S. immigration service with headquarters in New York city, has returned home for the holidays.

NEW NAVAL HOSPITALS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Contracts for the construction of naval hospitals at Chelsea, Mass.; Newport, R. I.; and Portsmouth, N. H., at a cost of \$1,818,000, were today awarded by the navy department to the Noel Construction Co. of Baltimore, Md.

STEAMSHIP MISSING
DUBLIN, Minn., Dec. 21.—No tidings thus far have been received from the missing Twinliners liner Berwind, Thomas E. Brown, keeper of the Rock of Ages lighthouse at Isle Royale, arrived in Duluth last night and said the liner Margold had been sighted off the coast of the lake in the line of traffic and had not sighted the big steamship. The Berwind left Whitefish Point Friday night last and should have been in Duluth about midnight Saturday.

OUT ON STRIKE
HARTFORD, Dec. 21.—Fire-workers numbering about 100, employed by the Hartford Rubber company went on strike today because of an alleged reduction in wages averaging from 15 to 30 per cent.

WOMEN ARE HELD
To Appear Before the Grand Jury

Fannie Roberts and Mary Cookley, the two women who were arrested in Lawrence Saturday night, charged with larceny of a full set of expensive furs and other articles, were arraigned before Judge Mahoney in the police court this morning and each was found guilty of larceny in three counts from the state of the L. C. Moore company, and sentenced to 90 days in the Lawrence jail, 30 days on each count.

They appeared, and each was held under \$500 for appearance before the grand jury at the next sitting.

There was a number of store girls from Lawrence and Lowell clerks ready to testify, but the Lowell clerks were not called upon inasmuch as the Roberts and Cookley women will be brought to this city to face charges of larceny from the A. G. Pollard Co. and O'Donnell Co.

DEATHS
WHITNEY—Margaret P. Whitney, daughter of Walter C. and Frankie Whitney, died last night at 129 B street, aged one year and nine months.

WAS ON THE HERALD
BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Margaret Marshall, the young woman who is in a critical condition in a hospital at Norfolk, Va. as the result of an attempt at suicide, was connected with the staff of the Boston Herald for a year and a half. She is 22 years of age and a native of New Hampshire. She was graduated from Tufts college in 1907. In college she made such a record for scholarship that she was honored with election to the Phi Beta Kappa society. After graduating she taught school for a short time at Portland, Me. and then entered newspaper work. A few months ago she left Boston and joined the staff of a New York paper. She has written several magazine stories.

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BUTTRICK WILL CASE

Opposition to Allowance of the Will Withdrawn

At Session of Probate Court, Judge McIntire Presiding—Several Separate Maintenance Cases Heard by Judge Chamberlin of Plymouth Co.

Opposition to the allowance of the will of the late Catherine T. Buttrick was withdrawn by Larkin F. Trull, representing the contestants, before Judge McIntire in the probate court, this morning, and the will now goes to probate, and its provisions will be carried out by Charles M. Williams, the executor. James J. Kerwin appeared for the will.

Mrs. Buttrick died at her home Sept. 28 and left a will in which she bequeathed \$20,000 to St. John's hospital outright and \$6000 for a memorial bed, besides an additional sum at the expiration of certain life interests. She also bequeathed a substantial amount to St. Peter's orphan asylum and other charities. The will was executed in February, 1908.

When the testament was presented Messrs. Trull & Williams gave notice of a contest in behalf of other kindred of testatrix, her sister, Mary J. McEvoy of Waltham and her half brothers, Charles B., George A. and William A. McEvoy of this city. The court at the time appointed Mr. Williams and Mr. Trull as special administrators, and the hearing was set for today. The estate involved is said to amount to about \$150,000.

The will contains 19 provisions and it would appear that the testatrix in making it mentioned every known relative.

Among the more prominent bequests are the following: Winifred C. Haggerty, \$10,000 and Miss Haggerty is also the residuary legatee. E. P. Haggerty, \$1000; Susan M. Martin, \$10,000; Ann Elizabeth Haggerty, house in Grove street and \$10,000. John M. Haggerty and Joseph Haggerty, grandnephews, lands and buildings in Alden and Hampstead, N. H., and \$5000 each; Day Nursery, \$5000; St. John's hospital, \$8000 for the establishment of the John H. Buttrick memorial bed and \$20,000 absolutely. Lowell Humane society, \$5000. Home for Destitute Catholic children, Boston, \$5000. St. Peter's orphanage, \$5000. Little Sisters of the Poor, Roxbury, \$3500.

The will also provides that \$20,000 be placed in trust with Charles M. Williams for Mary Jane McEvoy, who shall have the income during the remainder of her life. Upon her death the entire amount goes to St. John's hospital absolutely. The entire estate is said to amount to about \$150,000.

Judge Lawton Absent
Both sessions of the probate court were crowded this morning as an unusual number of contested cases were on the list. Judge McIntire, who opened the list in the routine session, announced that Judge Lawton would be unable to attend court as he is sitting on the celebrated Russell will case in Cambridge. He stated that Judge Chamberlin of the Plymouth county probate court would arrive later in the morning and would take up contested cases at once, while he, too, would hear them at the conclusion of the routine session. The contested list was then taken up, and the first case assigned was that of Ann de Cartaret vs. John de Cartaret, both of North Chelmsford, for separate maintenance.

The de Cartaret Case
Judge Chamberlin arrived at 10 o'clock and opened court in the contested session. Lawyer Hamel presented ten witnesses for the petitioner, and J. Joseph O'Connor represented the respondent.

Mrs. Ann de Cartaret testified that she married her husband in the Isle of Jersey seven years ago, but that they had lived most of the time in North Chelmsford. She left her husband last Fourth of July and since then has received a support from him. While living together she said he frequently went on long periods of intoxication and was cruel and abusive. Since she left him she said she met him walking arm in arm on the road with another woman and both stopped and looked her in the face.

Afternoon Session
Judge McIntire after finishing the routine session heard a few minor contested matters and then returned to Cambridge. In the other session the de Cartaret case took up the entire session and the petitioner's side had not finished at 3 o'clock. Constable Vinal of North Chelmsford and several other witnesses were heard relative to the habits of John de Cartaret.

It was necessary to postpone the Hobart will case, though the many witnesses in the case were present and ready to testify.

PROBATE COURT—McINTIRE, J.
Uncontested session:
Wills presented: Hannah M. Ryan, Chelmsford; Georgianna B. O'Neil, Lowell; Grace I. Hill, Lowell; Florence Matilda Tessier, Lowell.

Administrations granted: Mercy V. Tuttle, Lowell; Francis F. Chase, Lowell; John A. McKnight, Lowell; William Welch, Chelmsford; Maria M. Chase, Lowell.

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Cranberries	-	-	-	5c qt.
Mince Meat	-	-	-	6c pkg.
Currants	-	-	-	8c pkg.
Seedless Sultana Raisins	-	-	-	5c pkg.
Jello, All Flavors	-	-	-	6c pkg.
Best Canned Raspberries	-	-	-	12c
Best Canned Strawberries	-	-	-	8c

SCIENTIFIC CIRCLES NOT SUR-
PRISED

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—News that the University of Copenhagen had declined to accept Dr. Cook's claim that

BOXED A DRAW

Bill McKinnon Met Frank Mantell at Providence

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 21.—Bill McKinnon of Roxbury, Mass., and Frank Mantell of Pawtucket boxed 12 hard rounds to a draw last night at the Woonsocket opera house before 1600 persons, to whom the decision seemed fair.

Both Mantell and McKinnon were in excellent shape and the battle was a fierce one from the start. Mantell had the advantage up to the ninth round, with the exception of the third, when McKinnon slipped in many effective body blows. After the ninth the Roxbury boxer took the lead and had the Pawtucket man guessing.

Mantell opened up McKinnon's eye, but Bill fought more gamely afterward. Mantell's best blows were solid body smashes in clinches, while McKinnon swung harder than Mantell each time he struck. The bout was the heat ever seen here and showed the boys to be an almost perfect match in every department.

In the semi-final Kid Desroff knocked out Kid Dupre in the second round. Young Buster of Pawtucket was given a decision over Young Miller in four rounds. Kid Carpenter and Tommy Tudell boxed a four-round draw.

"Of course, a few people in Utah do not want us to fight there," said Mr. Rickard, "but I am giving it to you straight, the governor and everybody are behind us. If we have to agree to be fined \$1000 or so we will be glad to do it. Take it from me, we are going to fight in Salt Lake City."

Rickard left for Elv. Nev., today.

BUNNY GETS A BEATING

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 21.—In the 15 round bout for the lightweight championship of New England Jeff Doherty last night all but knocked out Bunny Ford. Doherty battered Ford all over the ring and when time was called he had one of Ford's eyes closed and his nose and mouth bleeding badly. No decision was given, but in the opinion of the crowd Doherty easily had the better of the bout. It was considered the best battle ever put on in New Haven.

In the semi-final bout Ponze Baloni of Waterbury easily had the better of Dave Ryan of Bridgeport. This was a 10 round bout at 150 pounds. There was no decision.

In a six round preliminary Joe Marks of Highwood met Jack Rollinson of Shelton, and Marks had the better of it.

More than 2000 sports saw the bouts, which were given under the auspices of the Olympia A. C.

KID STINGER STUNG

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Tommy Carey had all the better of the fight with Kid Stinger in the windup at the New Philadelphia A. C. last night. Young Jack Hanlon should have fought Carey, but he failed to enter the ring.

Carey was the aggressor in every round except the sixth. He used a left jab that kept Stinger from landing his famous wallop. The latter's left optic was nearly closed and his nose was badly swollen through being a target for the clever Carey, who simply toyed with his opponent and won by a big margin.

SEIGER STAYS THROUGH

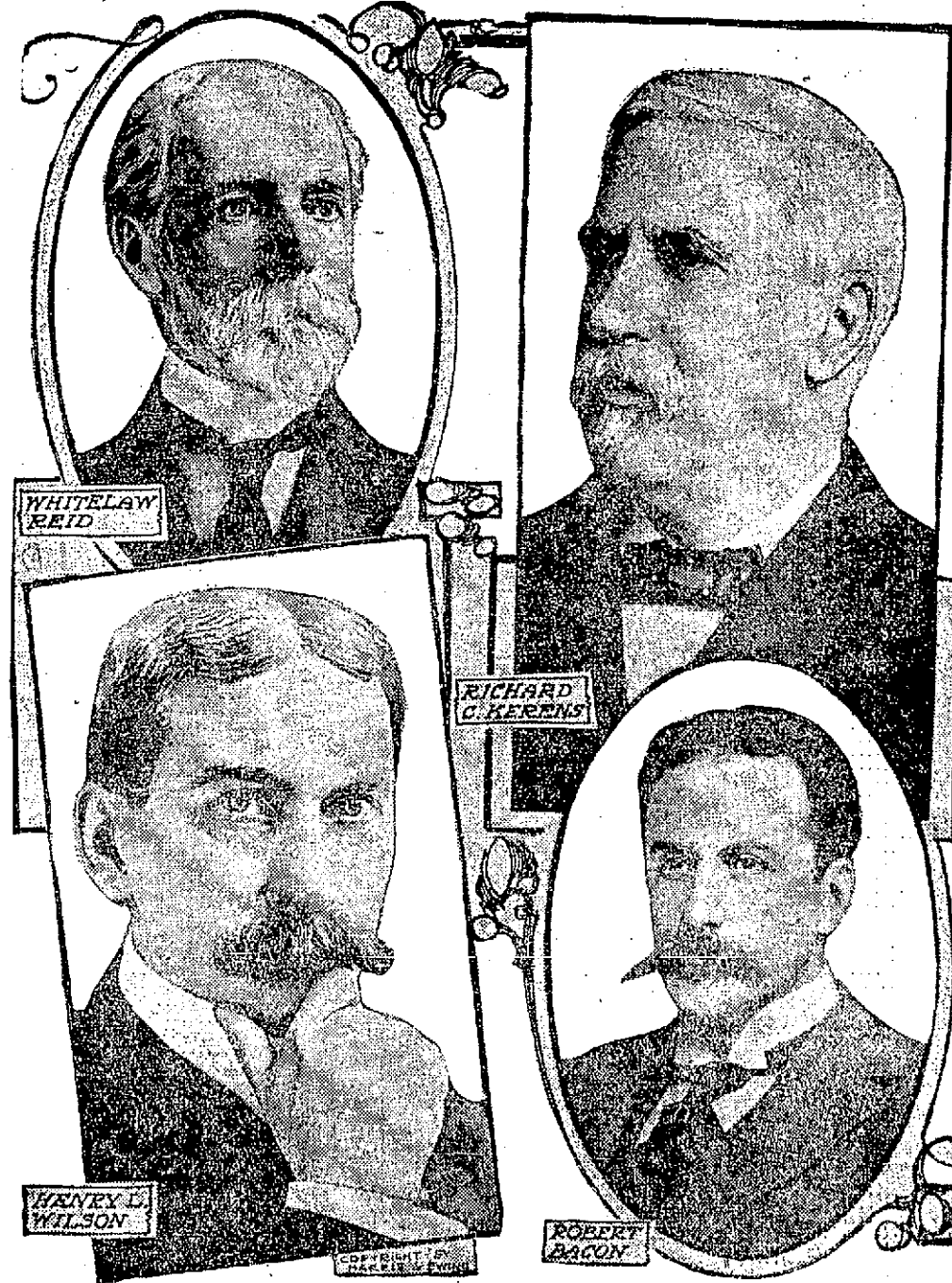
TROY, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Charlie Seiger, the Hoboken Iron man, made an exceptionally game effort to last ten rounds with Kid Henry at the Grogan A. C. last night, and succeeded because Henry had wasted his strength in fighting in the clinches. The bout was not so interesting as the fans expected as the boys were very cautious up to the seventh round, when Henry cut loose and put Seiger on the defensive.

A knockout seemed imminent in the eighth and ninth, but, despite his apparent weariness Seiger was surprisingly strong in the concluding period.

RICKARD SAYS UTAH

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—According to G. L. Rickard, better known as "Tex" Rickard, the Jeffries-Johnson fight promoter, who arrived here yesterday on his way to his home, the governor of Utah will not oppose the meeting of the contenders for the heavyweight pugilistic championship in Salt Lake City July 4.

THREE NEW ENVOYS NAMED BY PRESIDENT AND ONE WHO PROBABLY WILL HOLD OVER



WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—When President Taft sent to the senate his list of nominations for diplomatic service there was considerable surprise that he named no one to succeed Whiteley Reid as ambassador to Great Britain. In semi-official circles it is asserted that Mr. Reid will be re-appointed. The president's nominations are as follows: Robert Bacon to be ambassador to France, succeeding Henry White, who retires; R. C. Kerens of St.

Louis to be ambassador to Austria-Hungary, succeeding Charles S. Francis of Troy, N. Y., who retires; Henry Lane Wilson of Washington, now minister to Belgium, to be ambassador to Mexico, succeeding David E. Thompson of Nebraska, who retires; William J. Callahan of Chicago to be minister to China, the post being now vacant; Charles Page Bryant, of Chicago, now minister to Portugal, to be minister to Belgium, succeeding Mr. Wilson; John

B. Jackson of Newark, N. J., now minister to Persia, to be minister to Cuba, succeeding Edwin V. Morgan of New York, who retires. The choice of Mr. Kerens to be ambassador at Vienna ends a long fight in which various influences have changed position a number of times. Senator Warner, the republican member from Missouri in the senate, has been supporting the nomination, which recalls the fact that Kerens was a vigorous candidate for the senatorship when Warner was elected.

SECRETARY KNOX GETS MORTGAGE

Was Attacked by Andrew Carnegie

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—When Andrew Carnegie, "the angel of peace," rose at a recent dinner at Washington, facing Secretary Knox, and criticized the conduct of the state department in Central America, he forgot all about the chip that the "big little man" carries all the time on his shoulder. Secretary Knox was not on the program for remarks, but he made them, interrupting Mr. Carnegie in heated fashion.

At the side of Mr. Carnegie sat Senator Root, ex-secretary of state and the author of the Root peace compact in Central America. Mr. Carnegie eulogized the work for peace of Mr. Root and then began to compare it with the "shotgun diplomacy" of Mr. Knox. In a moment the belligerent present secretary of state was on his feet, leaning across the table and telling Mr. Carnegie that he thought his criticism an unwarranted butting into the affairs of state, of which he knew nothing.

Mr. Carnegie steered away from the shoals, but later in his speech ran on them again, and again Mr. Knox interrupted and called him down.

The affair was discussed around Washington dinner tables until it became public. The colloquy occurred at the dinner given by John Barrett, director of the bureau of American republics, to diplomatic representatives from the South and Central American countries. Secretary Knox and Mr. Carnegie were guests of honor.

BILLERICA

The annual Christmas whist tournament, which has been in progress at the Billerica Republican club for the past two weeks, came to a close last night. Twenty-four members of the club took part in the contest, the following being the winners of the trophies: D. J. Macdonald 153, J. T. Whitehead 133, J. Garner 133, A. C. Smith 130, L. Dorison 116, L. D. Butters 115, C. W. Mortenson 115.

Others who took part were: E. W. Buckley 131, Fred Brown 134, P. Butler 161, William Chambers 165, George Chambers 135, A. Dawson 143, H. B. Ellis 130, William Higson 153, Joseph Higson 163, William McBride 144, C. F. Manning 166, Chesley Nickerson 166, D. C. Norcross 148, R. T. Perry 166, G. H. Perry 170, F. F. Twombly 155, John J. Whitehead 157.

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Makes the finest grained and lightest breads and cake.

LOSS IS \$15,000 NURSE WAS SHOT

Wagon Co.'s Plant Destroyed by Fire

In a Battle With a Madman

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 21.—The plant of the Woonsocket Wagon Manufacturing company, consisting of a three story wooden building and a two-story storage shed, was practically destroyed by a fire which broke out in the forge room late last night. The damage amounted to \$15,000 and is covered by insurance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—When a whole family turned and ran in panic last night from a madman, who raved in the delirium of typhoid fever and furnished a revolver, Mary R. Brown, a trained nurse, 27 years old, and slight of stature, battled alone with the madman for her life and almost lost it. But before she dropped with a bullet wound in her breast, she wrenched the weapon from the lunatic and made his capture simple. She has a fighting chance for life.

SALVATION ARMY

WORKING HARD FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNERS

It has already been stated in these columns that the Salvation Army hopes to give Christmas dinners in baskets to 150 families, and we have been asked to repeat that the Salvation Army will give a real good Christmas dinner, uncooked, and put up in a basket, at the army's headquarters, 32 Jackson street, on Christmas eve.

Red tickets have been given to the principal members in each one of the 150 families. These tickets cannot be counterfeited, and the holder of each ticket will receive his particular basket shortly after 7 o'clock next Friday night. The doors to the hall will be opened at 7 o'clock.

On the following Friday night, New Year's night, Jan. 1, there will be another big time at the quarters. Two Christmas trees will be decked with presents, toys, candles, etc. More desirable than anything else will be bundles of clothing for the little children. Stockings and mittens for them are earnestly desired.

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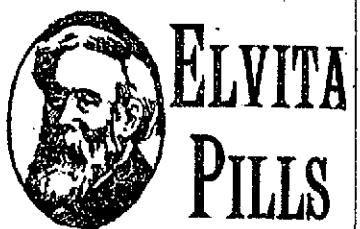
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Everybody knows that my store is one of the best in Lowell, and I have built up a large business, so that whoever buys the business will have my large number of customers. This is a fine opportunity for someone, and it should be seized at once. This offer will stand until December 27, 1909.

To my customers: Until I sell my store to someone I will sell you Boots, Shoes and Rubbers at wholesale prices. Come early and pick the bargains.

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The building was a three-story double flat house in a thickly settled suburb. It contained 25 persons when the fire started in a bakery on the ground floor. A search of the second floor apartment, occupied by the Frederick family, after the fire was extinguished disclosed the charred remains of its five members.

May Not Make Compul- sory Levie	Thos. Carroll Met With An Accident
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Thomas Carroll, aged about 50 years, and living at 44 Sprk street, was run over by the wagon belonging to Harvey J. Greene, the florist, in Merrimack square, about one o'clock this afternoon.

Carroll was crossing the street and in an effort to escape being run down by the wagon slipped and fell and before the driver could bring the animal to a stop two of the wheels passed over Carroll's legs.

The ambulance was summoned and the injured man was taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

THE JURY DISAGREED

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We, the undersigned, take this
means of expressing our sincere thanks
to our many friends and relatives
and to the members of the
different organizations of which he was
a member, who by their many acts of
kindness, words of consolation and
beautiful floral offerings helped to
alleviate the burden of sorrow in the
death of our beloved husband and fa-
ther.

To each and all we are deeply grate-
ful and will ever remember their
kindness.

CITY HALL NOTES
**THE ASH COLLECTORS WILL NOT
 WORK SATURDAY**

WORK SATURDAY

things, employees of the board of health, will not work on Christmas and just for that no ashes will be collected in Belvidere on that day. The health department in the collection of ashes has divided the city off into six districts with certain days for each district and Saturday happens to be Belvidere day. There are only two days in the year that the health department closes shop; Fourth of July and Christmas.

the outing committee--the little
and that had to do with a municipal
that that never happened--has dis-
sided and the committee members
collected money for the outing
have to ante up. This is a hard
of the year to refuse money.

the following marriage intentions have been registered at the city clerk's office since the last were published:

Maxim Lambrande, 22, operative, 1141 Hall street, and Alice Ethier, 17, native, 57 Hall street.

Arthur G. Roberts, 29, barber, 66 Union street and Antoinette Gagnon, shoeshop, 34 Suffolk street.

Freeman Snider, 22, shoemaker, 157 Grand street, and Sarah Ykelowitch, dressmakers, same address.

TECHBURG, Dec. 31.—The seventy weavers who walked out of the Cornsilk & Marx silk mills nearly a week ago came to a satisfactory settlement today, the weavers receiving an increase of 12 per cent in their wages. Work will be resumed Monday.

PLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 21.—
Steamer, believed to be the Ameri-
can Puerto, Mexico, for New York,
aground at North Brigantine
today, but afterward floated and
headed north, apparently undam-

Lowell, Dec. 13. A. D. 1909.

Taken on meane process and will be sold at public auction to the highest bidders for cash, the contents of a first-class grocery and provision store. The stock consists of provisions, canned and bottled goods of all kinds, spices, soups, teas, coffee, sugar, vinegar, molasses, pickles, kour, etc. Large ice refrigerator, platform scales, hanging scales, computing scales, meatery bench, marble top blocks, grind stone, saws, shovels; all the above property being in good condition. The sale of the above will be held at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1909, at 1022 Gorham street, Lowell, at 12 o'clock p.m. Terms, cash. Take Gorham street car; get off at Maple street.

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This is by far the largest average circulation of any newspaper in Lowell.

STREET-CORNER ORATORY SHOULD BE STOPPED.

Now that the election is over, we may speak of one of the objectionable campaign methods recently introduced, without running the risk of helping some undesirable candidate or of unfairness or dishonest motives.

From the beginning we did not favor the idea of allowing candidates for office to address crowds at street corners, mill gates, from the top of lunch wagons or the verandas of hotels fronting on the public streets.

This method of conducting a political canvass savors too much of street brawling and interferes too much with the peace and quietude of the community, to be authorized or tolerated by the police. Carried to extremes it is liable to precipitate riots, and for this reason alone it should be forbidden by the police.

If this method be adopted by one candidate, other candidates seeking the same office are constrained to adopt it also in order not to allow an opponent any undue advantage. This was the case in the recent contest for the mayorship where at one time no less than four candidates were addressing the citizens from points of vantage throughout the city.

It was the present mayor who first started this style of campaign in Lowell, and this in spite of the fact that the newspapers reported all his speeches fully and fairly. The success with which it was followed induced other candidates to resort to the same mode of reaching the people, with the result that towards the close of the recent campaign the public streets and squares were in numerous instances blocked so that passage was wholly obstructed by the crowds that gathered to listen to the appeals of the candidates.

Rep. John F. Meehan, the democratic candidate, detested this method of reaching the voters, but he was obliged to adopt it in order not to be outdone and left behind in the race by his opponent.

The abuse of the privilege of street-corner rallies was witnessed in many cases in the recent campaign where men who were not bona fide candidates, got upon the stump and made the MOST OUTRAGEOUS ATTACKS UPON REPUTABLE CITIZENS AND UPON CERTAIN BUSINESS INTERESTS.

Is it right to allow any man use the public streets of the city to vent his personal spleen in unwarranted attacks, not only on public officials but private citizens and business interests in no way involved in the issues of the election?

We believe not. The legitimate exercise of free speech does not imply the freedom to get up at any time in the market place or on the street corners and harangue the populace at will, denouncing reputable citizens as dangerous characters and appealing to prejudice by inflammatory language calculated to lead to a breach of the peace. Such public harangues should be prevented first, in the interests of good order, fair play and public decency, and second, to prevent obstruction of the streets and inconvenience to the general public.

There will always be found a crowd ready to listen to sensational charges and even to applaud the most violent attacks upon reputable citizens. They gather around a sensational speaker just as they buy a sensational paper to see what scandals it may contain.

It is not very long ago since a socialist orator was arrested for obstructing the streets by making a speech at a street corner. The socialist orator has precisely the same rights as a political candidate, no more or less. If one be prevented from addressing meetings on the public streets, so should the others be prevented.

In most cities any man who gets up to harangue the public at a street corner will be arrested. The police authorities reserve it to themselves to say where such public addresses shall be delivered. The city of Boston confines them in most cases to the common and thereby avoids the risk of disturbance and the obstruction of the public streets. Some regulation of this kind should be enforced in every city of any importance to guard against the outbreak of political candidates and their backers so as to prevent them getting the people excited, or even stirred to a fighting mood. Better confine such demonstrations to ward rooms or public halls so that those who are not interested will not be COMPELLED TO LISTEN to the speeches nor be disturbed by the turbulence they produce. We have had examples of this kind in which something said by the speaker excited a counter attack and then an appeal for sympathy was made on the ground that the candidate was denied the right of free speech.

When a man hires a hall for a public meeting he can speak without disturbance; but when he gets up to talk at a street corner, without a police permit, he must take the chances of arousing opposition, for he HAS NO MORE RIGHT TO AN EXCLUSIVE HEARING THAN ANY OTHER MAN WHO WISHES TO TALK.

Nevertheless, we have seen candidates who tried to make political capital out of interruptions by boys or others and even to charge the disturbance to a plot by political opponents. All kinds of political bluffs can be imposed upon the people in this street-corner style of campaigning, so that in the interests of public decency, order and general convenience, it is desirable that it be prohibited and that nobody shall be allowed to hold meetings of any kind on the public streets WITHOUT A PERMIT FROM THE POLICE.

Besides, it must be clear to every sane man that the most desirable candidate for office does not want to get down to this style of campaign. It was against Mr. Meehan's wishes that he had to resort to it in order to offset the work of his opponent. But he acknowledged that it was undignified, and something which an honorable candidate should not be obliged to do. Let us hope that he will use his influence to have police regulation adopted so that the man who wants to make political speeches in public places will have to get a police permit for that purpose. The police are not blamed for permitting the street-corner campaign in the recent election, for any interference on their part would have been made the basis for AN APPEAL TO SYMPATHY and would probably have resulted as did police interference a year ago in starting a general stampede for a particular candidate.

The Lowell public has had enough of this street-corner campaigning and wants it stopped. If the ordinances do not provide the remedy, then the police board should formulate the necessary regulation without delay.

SEEN AND HEARD

Only a few more days to write it. 1909.

It wouldn't do any harm to make these resolutions now. I can keep them over Christmas you're all right for the new year.

A couple who met on the South common and indulge in a parting kiss are attracting considerable attention these fine brisk mornings.

A grocer has made the following calculation and prints it on his card. Anyone who spends 30 cents a day for necessities like beer, tobacco, soda water, or candy for a year, can exchange for the same money:

Three barrels of flour.
Twenty bushels of potatoes.
Two hundred pounds of granulated sugar.
One barrel of crackers.
One pound of pepper.
Two pounds of tea.
Fifty pounds of salt.
Twenty pounds of rice.
Fifty pounds of butter.
Ten pounds of cheese.
Twenty-five pounds of coffee.
Ten pounds of candy.
Ten dozen pickles.
Ten dozen oranges.
Ten dozen bananas.
Two dozen cans of corn.
Eighteen dozen boxes of matches.
One-half barrel of beans.
One hundred cakes of soap.
Twelve packages of breakfast food, and get \$10.30 premiums for making the change in his expenditures.

Mrs. Heppelweit who lives on the top floor, is not suspicious, but let her catch her husband doing anything—and let her husband do anything that she will catch him at—and there'll be trouble. "There was trouble the other day, for while she was looking over the laundry she suddenly saw something that made her sit up in surprise. She grabbed an undershirt and stared at it. "I never sewed that button on," she finally concluded. "I never had a button like that in the house. I wouldn't sew a button like that on. Where did it come from? Who sewed it on?"

When he came home she asked him about it in that careless, easy, affable way that fills a man with an uncontrollable fear that something has happened and that he is up against trouble. So Heppelweit pulled himself together and said in an offhand manner that confirmed her worst suspicions: "O, I don't know, I suppose you did. You usually look after such things. I'm sure I didn't do it myself. Why, I couldn't hold a needle."

"O, couldn't you?" she said feebly. "Well, who had the needle that sewed that button on? I didn't, who did?" "How should I know?" he demanded, growing angry. "What harm is there in that button? It looks all right to me. Maybe you sewed it on and forgot."

"I don't forget," she said, very, very calm. "But you seem to have a happy

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DENIS MURPHY
18 Appleton Street

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and headwork at the store of Derby & Morse, 64 Middle Street, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

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Sold for \$13 and \$15, Special for Christmas **\$10**

The finest coats in stock. Protector, Tourist and Combination collar garments of the latest cut—fancy coatings and chevrons—from Rogers-Peel and other fine makers—sold up to \$15—all..... **\$10**

Protector Overcoats with combination collar, button close to the neck, military style or roll. New handsome patterns, sizes 8 years to 17, for..... **\$5.00**

HANDSOME OVERCOATS

For Small Boys 3 Years to 9

The prettiest designs that have been shown this season—in Russian, Protector and Auto Coats—made from a great variety of fancy coatings, plain jerseys, warm meltons, Scotch fabrics and astrachan. The most attractive collection of juvenile garments that we have ever displayed—and in wonderful variety—these little overcoats for **\$2, \$2.50, \$3 and up to \$7**

Special Christmas Prices for Boys' Excellent Suits

80 Suits for Boys 8 years to 16—a group of stylish double breasted jacket suits with knicker trousers—sold for \$5 and \$6—Christmas price **\$3.50**

80 Very Fine Suits for Boys 8 years to 16—embracing all the remainders of suits that sold for \$8.00 and \$9.00, fancy worsteds, chevrons and serges—Christmas price..... **\$5.75**

40 of Our Boys' Finest Suits, most of these made by Rogers-Peel Co., to fit boys 9 years to 16. The best clothing in America for boys—sold for \$10 and \$12—Christmas price **\$7.75**

Everything Here That the Boys Wish for---New Smart Styles That the Boys Appreciate

BOYS' FLANNEL BLOUSES

With or without collar—navy, red, or gray, 25c and 50c

Boys' White and colored Madras Blouses—with or without collar..... **18c to \$1**

BOYS' SHIRTS

Sizes 12 to 14 neck.

White Dress Shirts..... **50c to \$1.50**
White Negligees..... **50c to \$1.00**
Fancy Negligees..... **50c to \$1.00**
Working Shirts, cheviot and black twills, 45c

BOYS' UMBRELLAS

A fine collection of umbrellas, boys' sizes, new and most attractive handles, 50c to **\$1.25**

BOYS' HANDSOME NECKWEAR

In Individual boxes.

Boys' Silk Bows..... **10c and 15c**
Boys' Silk Windsors..... **10c and 25c**
Boys' Silk Four-in-Hands..... **25c and 50c**
Boys' Knitted Four-in-Hands—pure silk, 50c

BOYS' CHRISTMAS SUSPENDERS

All in pretty boxes..... **25c a pair**
Boys' Cuff Links..... **25c and 50c**
Boys' Scarf Pins..... **25c, \$1.00**
Boys' Handkerchiefs, boxed—2 and 3 in the box, from..... **10c to 25c**

BOYS' NIGHT SHIRTS and PAJAMAS

For Boys 8 years to 16.

Boys' Night Shirts, plain or trimmed, cotton and domest flannels..... **45c and 50c**
Boys' Pajamas, domest flannel and madras, 50c, 75c and **\$1.30**
Boys' Flannel Sleeping Suits, sizes 3 years to 7..... **45c**

BOYS' WINTER HOSIERY

Heavy cotton, wide or narrow ribbed, 12 1-2 to 25c
Black Cashmere..... **25c**

BOYS' GLOVES

Boys' heavy wool mittens..... **8c to 25c**
Boys' heavy lined leather gloves and mittens..... **25c to 50c**
Boys' leather gauntlets, unlined..... **35c**
Lined..... **50c**
Boys' lined Kid, Mocha and Astrachan gloves..... **50c to \$1**
Boys' Cape leather and dogskin street gloves..... **\$1.00 and \$1.25**
Boys' White Kid Dress Gloves..... **\$1.25**

BOYS' UNDERWEAR

Boys' Heavy Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers—sizes 24 to 34..... **19c**
Boys' Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers—finer qualities up to..... **50c**
Boys' Natural Wool Underwear—vests and pants, sizes 20 to 26..... **45c to 50c**
Boys' Natural Wool Underwear—vests and pants..... **35c to 60c**
Boys' White Wool Underwear—vests and pants..... **35c to 60c**
Boys' Winter Weight Jersey Underwear—shirts and drawers, 24 to 34..... **50c**
Boys' Union Suits—Jersey balbriggan and merino—sizes 2 years to 16..... **\$1**

BOYS' HATS AND CAPS

Everything for Winter that the Boy wants Double Band Caps—inside fur bands, new golf style..... **25c and 50c**
Smart College Hats—in all of the new colors..... **\$1.00 to \$1.50**
Skating Caps; Toques and Hockey Caps, knit or angora..... **25c and 45c**

A Special Sale of CHILDREN'S WINTER CAPS

All small lots that sold for 50c and \$1. All mohair tams that sold for 50c and \$1 gathered in one lot and marked now to close..... **25c**
Children's Fancy Caps, hats, jack tams and tarpaulins..... **50c to \$2.00**

BOYS' SHOES

Boys' Rugged Winter Shoes—Full double soles—warranted to give excellent wear. Sizes 8 to 13 1-2..... **95c**
Boys' Sturdy Winter Shoes—Kangaroo grain leather, full double soles—the kind that give good wear. Youths' sizes..... **\$1.15**
Other fine qualities from..... **\$1.50 to \$2.50**
Boys' Storm Boots, \$1.95—All sizes from 11 to 5 1-2—extra heavy soles—stuffed with oil to keep out the water—oil tanned leather—laced with eyelets and 2 buckles and straps—our price..... **\$1.95**
Other qualities up to..... **\$2.35**
Boys' Dancing Pumps..... **\$1.35 and \$1.50**

BOYS' HEAVY COAT SWEATERS

Oxford Coat Sweaters—with red borders—all sizes 24 to 34..... **50c**
Boys' Fine Wool and Worsted Sweaters—white, oxford, gray and maroon..... **\$1 to \$3**

faculty of forgetting. Now, Joshua Heppelweit, I demand to know who sewed that button on. He saw that he had but one recourse, so he turned sharply on her and said: "If you want to know, go and find out." While she was crying he feebly tried to find some way of accounting for that mysterious button. But every possible explanation he could think of seemed to him, even in his present distracted state, absurd and ineffective. "I suppose," he thought reluctantly, "that I'll simply have to grin and bear it until the fit wears off or until she finds out where the confounded thing came from." When supper was ready she called him and he was really worried at her paleness and evidence of deep grief. "Now, Mary," he expostulated, "be reasonable." "O, yes, I'll be reasonable," she snapped, "if you'll be honest. Who sewed on that button?" "O, hang it," he said in stronger words than that. So there was silence and suspicion and distrust and resentment and fruitless conjecture between them. It continued all the evening and it grew stronger next day, and it increased in strength from day to day until the laundry wagon driver came around. "What do you think, Mrs. Heppelweit," he said to the fretful woman, "if that new idea we've just introduced? We sew on all missing buttons now. Noticed it last week, didn't you?" She nodded affirmatively. "Good idea, ain't it?" he continued. "It's a little more work, but it saves a lot of kicks from crank customers. Haven't you lot of work and worry, don't it, Mrs. Heppelweit?" "No, it don't," she yelled. "You leave the buttons off if they are off. I like them that way. And I'm going to change my laundryman for meddling with my wash." He backed in open-mouthed amazement all the way down the stairs. "If that ain't the limit!" he groaned. But did she receive her husband with open arms and explain the mistake? She didn't. For a few days she soaked him worse than ever because she had made a mistake. She was hurt and grieved at having no grounds for suspicion. So she kept it up a while, and even now she occasionally jolts him with it when he deserves it.

IT DESERVES IT

The Sun occupies the highest position in local journalism. It leads in everything. Every one admits it to be **LOWELL'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER**

EVANS ESTATE SALOONS CLOSED

Is Valued at \$7,000,000
by Assessors

BEVERLY, Dec. 21.—The assessors decided yesterday to levy an additional assessment of \$2,000,000 on the estate of Robert D. Evans of Dawson hall, Burgess point, Beverly cove. The addition makes a total assessment of \$7,000,000, which will cause to be paid into the city treasury by the Evans family this year more than \$100,000 in taxes.

Mr. Evans was taxed up to this year, for \$10,000 worth of personal property, but after his death, when it became known that he was worth many times that amount, the assessors made the personal figures \$5,000,000.

When the inventory was filed with the state commissioners which showed the estate was worth \$10,000,000 in personal property, the assessors raised the levy \$2,000,000, which will give the city nearly \$100,000 it did not figure on having this year.



PERFUMES

For Christmas

You can give her nothing better.

HUDNUT'S, ASCENSION,
HOUBIGANT'S, PIVER'S,
HARMONY, LUBIN'S,
ROGER AND GALLEY,
PINAUD'S, BABCOCK'S
HANSON-JENKS, COLGATE'S

These are some of the famous makes. We have all other makes also.

Handsomely Boxed for Gifts

25c to \$10

HALL & LYONCO

OF NEW ENGLAND

Apothecaries

Brewers' Would Not Deliver Beer

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—Confirming to the avowed policy of helping the anti-saloon league enforce the liquor laws the brewers of the state are closing many saloons by refusing to sell beer to them. All the saloons on the line between Veederburg and the dry counties surrounding it have been closed by this action of the Evansville brewers who, say they will not sell any saloon keepers whose patronage comes from counties in which the people have voted "dry."

TOBACCO CASE

To be Taken Up by the Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—After announcing a number of decisions and hearing the usual Monday quota of motions, the U. S. supreme court took a recess for two weeks yesterday.

It is expected that when the court reconvenes on the 3d of January one of the seats now vacant will be occupied by Judge Lurton, who was confirmed yesterday by the senate as the successor of Justice Peckham.

Even then the bench will not be full, for Justice Moody will be absent on account of illness. Mr. Moody is not expected until later in the season.

Justice Moody has been suffering from an aggravated attack of rheumatism. Immediately after reconvening the court will take up the tobacco trust case, and it is expected that the Standard oil case will be reached early in the spring.

TWICE ARRESTED

DERRY MAN BAILED HIMSELF OUT AND WAS TAKEN IN AGAIN

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Thomas Lyons of Derry, N. H., had the distinction of being arrested twice for drunkenness within a short period yesterday by the police of division 4. He came to Boston yesterday and went over to South Boston to visit a cousin. He had \$115 with him and had a good time.

He was under the influence of liquor. It is alleged, when taken in charge by an officer and locked up in station 4. At 7:40 last evening he bailed himself out and was given \$3 by Lieut. Goodwin, the officer keeping the balance of his money.

In little more than half an hour Lieut. Goodwin was surprised when Lyons was brought in once more ap-

parently under the influence of liquor. He said he had tried to brace up, but admitted that he must have taken too much of a bracer. When searched \$2.80 out of the \$3 given him was found on him.

Why Not a Bath Robe?



Ours are the tailored kind

\$5.00

\$7.50

\$10

Cut on entirely new models

A Bath Robe is one of the things a man appreciates, but never thinks of buying for himself.

He generally waits to see what Christmas brings. Don't disappoint him.

If you want to be just right, make your selection at the Smart Clothes Shop, where every robe is NEW.

Every robe is cut in accurate size, buttons close to the neck with military collar. The better qualities button all the way down, and all have girdles.

We can probably pick the exact size, but will exchange after Christmas any that are not right.

D. S. O'Brien Co.

The Smart Clothes Shop

222 MERRIMACK STREET.

THE SNEAD CASE

The Prosecutor Expects Three Indictments

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"I believe I have evidence enough to obtain three indictments," was Prosecutor Mott's declaration today when marshaling his witnesses for the presentation of the facts concerning Mrs. Cecy Snead's death to the grand jury in Essex county, N. J.

Mr. Mott said that he had evidence not only to connect Miss Virginia Wardlaw, maiden aunt of the victim, with the crime, but to establish the presence of Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, the young woman's mother, on the scene of the tragedy shortly before its discovery.

POSTMASTERS

May Have Large Fees Returned to Them

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Concerted action by a number of senators in introducing resolutions calling for information relative to amounts derived from the rental of postoffice boxes and registration fees between the years 1864 and 1875 has aroused considerable interest.

Inquiry developed the fact that during these years postmasters in nearly every state turned these fees into the treasury, but that there had been a ruling since that time that these fees should be kept by the postmasters in lieu of salary.

A claim by one postmaster in the state of Washington for \$600 started the flood of resolutions, and it is the intention of the claimants to try to have congress enact an omnibus measure to refund to all postmasters the amounts paid to the government during that period.

LIQUOR STOLEN

It Was Taken Away by Tramps

GARDINER, Me., Dec. 21.—It was discovered yesterday that a party of 10 tramps, who were in the lockup over Sunday night, had stolen part of the liquor seized by officers. Five of the tramps had taken their departure at 6 in the morning and the others had remained in the cell.

In one cell was a barrel containing 175 pints of whiskey and some bottles were piled up in the rear of the cell.

The tramps used a long handled shovel to get the bottles. A keg of whiskey was also stored in the cell and they reached that by rolling it to the door and boring a hole through the bung.

The five helped themselves to what they wanted and evidently treated those in the cells who were not able to get out. About 45 of the half pints are missing.

CAR STRANDED

Men Were Trying to Reach Jail

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—One hundred and fifty employees of the East St. Louis & Suburban Railway Co. early today seized a trolley car and started for the county jail at Belleville, 15 miles away, where Willie Clark, alleged slayer of a street car motorman, is held under guard. The men ran the car three miles toward Belleville. Then the power on the Belleville line was shut off by General Manager Hewett and the car fell stranded.

SCHOONER GROUND

VINEYARD HAVEN, Dec. 21.—The six masted schooner Murtle B. Crowley is not ashore on Tuckernuck shoal as it was at first reported, but is aground on a lump half way between Half Moon shoal and the buoy marking the end of Tuckernuck. The big vessel is not damaged and makes no water. The revenue cutter Acushnet pulled on her last night unsuccessfully and continued to stand by the schooner today to assist the tugs Underwriter and Mercury, which went out today to float the Crowley. Captain Haskell of the Crowley says that about 5 p. m. Sunday, while proceeding eastward with a northwest wind his vessel was kept off slightly to clear a four masted schooner which was working westward and ran on the sand.

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The Original and Genuine
HORLICK'S
MALTED MILK

The Food-drink for All Ages.

At restaurants, hotels and fountains. Delicious, invigorating and sustaining. Keep it on your sideboard at home. Don't travel without it.

A quick lunch prepared in a minute. Take no substitute. Ask for HORLICK'S. Others are imitations.

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RELIABILITY
214 Merrimack Street

Wednesday Morning

Will You Buy a Box of Six Handkerchiefs
Worth \$1.50

For 75c?

We highly value a woman's judgment on the handkerchief question, and that's why we watch and listen so closely to their criticism. By doing so we have built up a handkerchief business we're justly proud of. But careful in our buying as we are, we underbought in men's and women's linen initials and overbought in women's Irish linens and Swiss lawns with hemstitched embroidered edges at 25c, and women buyers will reap the benefit of our error in judgment beginning tomorrow.

Wednesday we offer our entire stock of fourteen hundred and sixty-five Women's 25c Irish Linens and Swiss Lawns at exactly half price. But only in quantities of six. Put up in pretty Christmas boxes.

Choose Wednesday, and while they last, at per box of six, 75c

Less than box quantities will be sold only at the regular price of25c each

Belt Prices Cut in Two

FOR WEDNESDAY

'Twould almost be impossible for us to relate the many complimentary remarks about our pretty belts so reasonably priced. Be that as it may, they have not sold lively enough to suit us, but now they've got to go, and go they will quickly for Christmas presents. Nothing out, simply too many, and we are going to take our medicine cheerfully.

Choice of our entire line of Dollar Belts

Each and everyone in pretty fancy box.

59c

Thursday Morning, Dec. 23

Christmas Neckwear

At January Prices

If any buyer know in advance the exact quantities and styles they could dispose of profitably at each of the various seasons they would soon earn the reputation of a "Wizard." We are probably as near the "Wizard" class as any, but we blunder just the same, and blunders are costly when it comes to neckwear. The following are very much underpriced, but just because we're too many.

Stock with Jabots, Silks, lace trimmed collars, Beaded Silk Stocks and many other lots, all fresh and clean, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 values.....

39c

All put up in fancy Christmas boxes.

Last Call!

SALE EXTRAORDINARY

We have got to move out in four days—\$8100 worth of merchandise to close out before Christmas—therefore we have decided to offer our entire stock of

Suits, Overcoats, Furnishings

IN A GRAND BUNDLE SALE AT

25c EACH 25c

Try your luck and get your share of the big values.

Sale Starts Wednesday Morning

And continues until every article in our store is closed out at 25c each. HURRY UP and get a package before they are all gone.

MIDDLESEX CLOTHING CO.

48-50 Middlesex Street

LOSS IS HEAVY

Fire Broke Out in Cloak Store

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 21.—Fire originating last night in the basement of the Siegle Co.'s cloak store in this city resulted in probable losses aggregating \$100,000 and \$150,000 in the heart of the downtown shopping district.

MISS MARSHALL

Tried to Commit Suicide at Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 21.—It was positively learned here today that the young woman now hovering between life and death at St. Vincent's hospital as the result of an attempt to end her life by drinking laudanum and shooting herself through the head three times while a guest at the Queen Anne cottage at Virginia beach last Wednesday is Miss Marguerite Marshall, up to two weeks ago a member of the staff of a New York newspaper.

Miss Marshall who is a graduate of Tufts college, Medford, Mass., came here last week to join a theatrical company as press representative. She registered at the beach as Miss Ruth Morton of Chicago and carefully destroyed all evidence of her identity before she attempted to end her life.

The motive for her desire to end her life is yet unknown. At St. Vincent's hospital it was said that the young woman has a slight chance for recovery.

DR. FISHER DIED SUDDENLY

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 21.—Rev. Geo. Park Fisher, D. D., LL. D., professor of ecclesiastical history at Yale, died suddenly last night at the sanatorium of Dr. J. L. Hull in Litchfield, from hemorrhage of the brain.

Prof. Fisher was born in Wrentham, Mass., Aug. 10, 1827. He was graduated from Brown university in 1851, and Andover Theological seminary in 1851. From 1854 to 1861 he was Yale college professor of divinity in Yale college. He resigned this to be made professor of ecclesiastical history. In

later life he was elected and remained dean of the Yale Divinity school until his health gave out and he was obliged to go to Litchfield. He leaves a son and daughter.

BIG PRICES

WAREHAM, Dec. 21.—Half a hundred freight cars will be required this

week to remove the "tixins" for the Christmas dinner from the Cape Cod cranberry belt to other parts of the country. The annual holiday rush is now in full swing and the growers are hurrying to have their product arrive at the markets in season. The Christmas demand for the berries has had its usual buoyant effect on the prices and as high as \$8.50 and \$7 a barrel is offered in New York.

Chicago

A Chicago newspaper offered a prize for the correct answer to the question: "Which is the most famous train in the world?"

25,000 replies were received—of this number 23,750 answered:

"Twentieth Century Limited"

Ex. Boston daily 1.00 p.m.
" Worcester 2.02 "
" Springfield 3.20 "
Ar. Chicago 8.30 a.m.

Call on local agents for information on rates, routes, railroad tickets and sleeping car accommodations, or address A. S. Hanson, G. A., Boston, Mass.



IF YOU WANT

A CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS

The house must be comfortably heated, and there is no stove on the market that will do it as well or with as little fuel as the New Crawford Parlor Stove. The New Crawford Heater is as good as the Crawford Cooking Range. Greater praise it could not receive.

A. E. O'Heir & Co.

MERRIMACK SQUARE.

THREE LIVES LOST

Department Store in London Was Destroyed By Fire

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A disastrous fire, involving so far as has been ascertained the loss of three lives and the destruction of the big drapery store of Arding & Hobbs at Clapham, a southwestern quarter of London, occurred yesterday.

The fire was due, it is believed, to the breaking of an electric bulb, which started a blaze among celluloid articles beneath.

It occurred about 4.30 p. m. when the store, covering an acre of ground and having five floors and 100 departments, was crowded with Christmas customers. In a little more than an hour the building was a mass of ruins. The damage is estimated in the vicinity of \$2,500,000.

All the customers made their way in safety out of the store and there was very little panic.

The progress of the flames, assisted by the Christmas decorations and festoons, was so rapid that some of the employees were caught on the upper floors. Two men took a couple of girls to one of the windows.

One of the girls descended the fire escape in safety. While the second was trying to reach the ground the ladder took fire. The girl fell and was killed. The two men then jumped and were also killed.

John Burns, president of the local government board, was early on the scene and assisted in directing the firemen's operations with a sack over his shoulders to protect him from the water.

Many persons were assisted from the windows by the firemen, and

one of the employees were seriously injured, a few possibly fatally. At midnight it was still impossible to search the ruins, and some of the employees are still unaccounted for.

Free Burns remained at the scene for three hours, and then attended a meeting of the electors of Battersea, with his hand done up in bandages, his clothes saturated with water and his face begrimed with smoke. He related his experience, and asked the meeting to excuse him from making a speech. The audience, after standing uncovered as a mark of condolence for the victims of the fire, dispersed with cheers for "Honest John."

WHITES ARMED

Nearly Every Negro Has Left Magnolia

MAGNOLIA, Ala., Dec. 21.—Magnolia is quiet, after a day of intense excitement with much bitter feeling manifested between whites and blacks. A company of militia was ordered here last night. Ernest Slade, one of four white men shot by Clinton Montgomery, a despoiled negro, is fatally wounded. His death, expected at any time, may cause the flame of race hatred to burst forth anew.

Clinton Montgomery's charred body lies in the ruins of a negro hut near town as a result of a visit by a mob of citizens yesterday. Bristol and Shelby Montgomery, brothers of the dead negro, barely escaped lynching earlier yesterday. They were placed in the Linden jail later.

Search continued last night for William Montgomery, another of the four brothers, whose alleged murder late on Saturday night of Algernon Lewis, a young white man, caused the trouble.

Nearly every negro resident left Magnolia yesterday. The whites are well armed.

Yesterday Clinton Montgomery and several other negroes were found barricaded in a house. Fearing for their lives, Montgomery's companions surrendered.

One of them was forced to set fire to the house in which Montgomery remained. When the building was enveloped in smoke, he threw up a window and opened fire.

Ernest Slade fell mortally wounded. His face and body filled with shot. Three others were also wounded, though not seriously.

Montgomery was riddled with bullets, as he was attempting to leave the house, and the corpse was consumed in the burning building.

DEATH THREATS

In Letter Sent to Richard Parr

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Threats of death by poison and by violence against Richard Parr, the special treasury agent who unearthed the sugar frauds, are contained in a letter given out by him last night. The letter, received on Dec. 11, follows:

"The editor of the Sun died suddenly. Some prominent men in the customs died suddenly. You have been taken suddenly ill. Beware of poison. (Signed) 'Sugar.'"

Mr. Parr was indeed taken suddenly ill during the recent trial. His illness was supposed to be an affection of the nerves.

Other letters received by him, he said last night, contained threat of injury. He was told that he would be pushed off a subway platform in front of a moving train, and that he would be shot.

DIED ON WAGON

Wm. Rand Was on Way to Fire

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 21.—William R. Rand, the veteran driver of hose 2, Dover fire department, familiarly known to every Dover resident as "Bills," dropped dead while driving to a brush fire on Oak street, near Garrison hill, yesterday afternoon.

Driver Rand had driven into Oak street from Broadway and was about 300 yards from the fire, which was just over the city line in Rollinford, when he was seen by his comrades to topple over backward, gasping for breath.

John J. Treanor, of hose 3, Lieut. Frank Swann of hose 2 and Assistant Engineer James Smith went to his assistance.

Mr. Rand died about as soon as they reached his wagon. A moment before the attack of heart failure came on, he stopped his horse. He was taken to the Wentworth hospital.

AT MEMORIAL SERVICE

At the memorial service of Lawrence

TEXTILE NOTES

Interesting Items From Mill Centers

ROCKVILLE, Conn., Dec. 21.—The Rockville Worsted Co. has been organized to operate the Fitch plant, which was recently bought from Belding Bros. & Co., by Edmond Corcoran of Philadelphia. The corporation has an authorized capital stock of \$125,000 and the incorporators are Edmond Corcoran and T. M. Corcoran of Philadelphia, Frank E. Weedon of Providence, T. J. Corcoran of Warren, Mass., and A. N. Belding, T. J. Corcoran, Jr., P. B. Leonard, Jos. B. Coogan, George P. Wendeliser and Halsey L. Allen, all of Rockville. The Fitch property has been renovated, and much new and special machinery has already been installed. It is expected that the plant will be put in operation some time next month.

TO DOUBLE THREAD PLANT

ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 21.—The Star Thread mill has completed plans for

Hay's Hair Health



ACTUALLY, POSITIVELY, INVARIABLY RESTORES GRAY HAIR TO THE COLOR AND VIGOR OF YOUTH

You can't look young if your hair is gray, faded and lifeless. Hay's Hair Health will bring back the natural color, just as it was when you were young. Stops dandruff and falling out. Makes the hair bright, silky and full of life and beauty—not a dye—won't color or soil your skin.

24 and 50c. BOTTLES, AT DRUGGISTS. Send 2c for free book "The Care of the Hair." Philo Hay Spec. Co., Newark, N. J., U. S. A.

A. W. DOWS & CO., F. P. MOODY, F. J. CAMPBELL, CARLETON & HOVEY, A. E. MOORS.

NELSON'S COLONIAL STORE

Why Not Give a FOLDING CARD TABLE?

It would prove a source of lasting enjoyment and help to use up many a tedious hour.

Especially if it were one like the table we are selling.

Special Features

Made with solid oak supports in weathered or golden finish top, 30 inches square, covered with green cloth, metal corners. Can be folded up in a small space. The price is

\$2.95

It Saves to Pay Cash.

COLONIAL BUILDING, MERRIMACK AND CENTRAL STS.



THE COUNTESS

Denies That She Will Ask Divorce

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Countess Eulalia, who was Mrs. John B. Stetson, has returned from Portugal without her husband. At her beautiful country seat, "Idro," on the York road, in Elkins park, the countess refuses to say any but her most intimate friends.

When her son, John B. Stetson, Jr., was asked if it were true that his mother contemplated a divorce, he referred the question to the Norristown counsel, N. B. Larzelere, and the latter denied last night that a divorce was contemplated.

The count and countess went abroad soon after the claims of Mrs. Josephine Earnest of Chicago were made public. Mrs. Earnest stated that she had lifted the count from social obscurity and was instrumental in his marrying the wealthy widow. She said that he promised to give her \$10,000 as soon as the wedding ceremony was performed.

Mrs. Earnest further alleged that she wrote endearing letters in which the count pleaded his cause. To press her claim she retained the services of Henry J. Scott of this city.

She also said the count owed her commissions for the sale of statutory he had made and which he sold while engaged as Portuguese consul in the Illinois city. The count denied to interviewers all the claims and charges.

MAN WAS KILLED

By a Leap From a Window

LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 21.—William G. Smith, a patient at the Central Maine general hospital, in the absence of his nurse yesterday, jumped from the window of his room, hoping to land on the roof of an adjoining building. Instead he fell between the two buildings, fracturing his skull and dying almost immediately.

Mr. Smith was born in Baltimore, about 60 years ago. When a boy he lived in Auburn and later in Lewiston. About 18 years ago he went to Boston to live remaining there until a few months ago.

He once served a term in Auburn jail for intoxication and wrote a series of letters to a local paper, headed "A Voice from the Tomb," and signed "The Man in the Iron Mask," which were very witty.

When he returned here he was almost in a destitute condition. He endeavored to get into the Lewiston almshouse, but could not, and later he was sent to the hospital.

So far as known he had no relatives living and unless some friends come forward to claim his body it will be sent to the Maine medical school.

FOUR PRISONERS

Were Granted Pardon From State Prison

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 21.—Four prisoners were released from state prison late yesterday by the board of pardons, which had adjourned over from last Monday, when a number of petitions remained unacted.

The application of John Warren, convict No. 1, the Wellington wife murderer, who completed 50 years in a cell last Tuesday, was denied, but among the four released is Catherine Nell, who was convicted at Bridgeport, May 22, 1897, and sentenced to five to nine years for manslaughter.

Petite "Goldie" Nell, well known in New York, stabbed her husband, who was a blacksmith and ex-pugilist, when he attempted to drive her from a hotel at Greenwich, Conn., to earn money for him immorally. It was alleged that she used a nail file, but it has since been proven that he rushed against an umbrella which she held and the point penetrated his skull through the eye.

She will be told of her release today, and will probably be taken to the house of the Good Shepherd in this city, as the authorities do not

MISSION MONEY

APPORTIONED TO CHURCHES BY ANDOVER ASSOCIATION

The amount of money to be raised by the Congregational churches of the Andover association for the seven benevolent societies of the denomination, this year, is \$13,000, of which several thousand will be raised in Lowell, the largest apportionment being \$235, assigned to the Kirk Street church. Under the new apportionment plan, 40 per cent. will go to foreign work and 60 per cent. for home missions.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Useful gifts, above all others, should be of good quality, stylish and up-to-date and desirable in every way to serve their purpose properly. Our goods are of such a character.

The following list will surely suggest something that will please and delight "him."

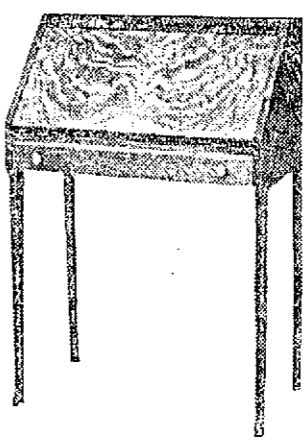
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For the Drawing room, Banquet hall or Parlor. Plain, colored and decorated.

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Assorted colors in each box
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Large, Pound Candles
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LOCAL NEWS

Tobin's Printery, Associate Building. When placing insurance consult J. P. Donohue, Donovan building. Tel. 1000.

Coughs. Get a bottle from the drug store. Window shades laundered and warranted to roll up evenly at Scriptura's Hand Laundry. Telephone 1510.

Miss Martha Rourke, Lowell Normal school '09, is home for the holidays. Miss Rourke teaches school in Warren, Mass.

AYER

Two freight cars, one laden with cotton and the other with lumber, collided in the upper freight yard early Sunday morning. Both cars were badly damaged but the loss to the contents will be small.

A brakeman belonging in Lawrence, whose name could not be learned, was stunned as a result of the collision, but he was able to resume his work after a short time.

A wrecking crew arrived on the scene shortly after the accident occurred and the tracks were soon cleared of the debris.

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